

MINEOLA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – MINEOLA CITY HALL
Monday, August 28, 2023

Call to order and confirmation of quorum

P	Jayne Lankford, Mayor	P	Mitchell Tuck
A	Sue Jones, Mayor Pro Tem	P	Terry Eaton
P	Eric Carrington	P	Jack Newman
P	Cassandra Sampson	P	Mercy Rushing, City Manager
p	Cindy Karch, City Secretary	A	Blake Armstrong, City Attorney

Staff Present: Lisa Morrison, David Madsen, Kyle McCoy, Chief Charles Bittner, Doris Newman, Aaron Munn, and Owen Tiner.

Citizens Present: Phil Major with the Wood County Monitor; Gene Keenen with Republic Services; Cody Mize and Jeana Moore with the Mineola Independent School District; Ronnie Gorman with RG Car Shows; Tex Wills with Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club; Steve Hammer, Laura Marder, Erika Martinez, Jose Hernandez, and Fulgencio Candelario.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation led by Councilmember Tuck and pledges led by Councilmember Sampson.

Citizen Comment- No citizen comments

Presentations and Proclamations

1. Gene Keenon with Republic Services to present Mineola Nature Preserve Events and Programs a grant of \$5,000.

Gene Keenon with Republic Services presented to City Manager, Mercy Rushing, a \$5,000.00 donation check to go toward Mineola’s Sesquicentennial Sabine Stomp at the Mineola Nature Preserve.

2. Proclamation for World Teachers Day on October 5, 2023.

Mayor Lankford read a proclamation recognizing October 5, 2023, as National Teacher Day. Mayor Lankford then presented the proclamation to Mineola Independent School District Superintendent, Cody Mize and High School biology teacher, Laura Marder.

Consent Agenda

3. Consider approval of minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on July 24, 2023, and the Special Council Meeting on August 8, 2023.
4. Consider approval of Financial Reports for the month of July 2023.

5. Consider approval of the Monthly Department Head Reports for the month of July 2023. (Building Inspections, Code Enforcement, Fire, Police, Main Street, Marketing, Municipal Court, Street, Water, Wastewater)
6. Consider approval to appoint Jerry Gaskill, Jr. to serve on the Main Street Board for a three-year term.
7. Consider approval of a resolution to nominate Sam Curry as a candidate for the Wood County Appraisal District Board of Directors for 2024-2025.
8. Consider action to appoint Kyle Waggoner as Municipal Court Judge for a term expiring May 2025.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve the consent agenda items. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion on Action Items, Public Hearings, Presentations, and Announcements.

9. Discuss and consider action on a proposed tax rate for FY 2023-2024.

Councilmember Carrington made the motion to approve the proposed tax rate for FY 2023-2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

10. Hold a public hearing on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to place a manufactured home on Lot 10A Block 1 Mineola Townsites, corner of Padgett and South streets.

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing at 5:55 pm on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to place a manufacturer home on Lot 10A Block 1 Mineola Townsites, corner of Padgett and South streets. With no public comments Mayor Lankford closed the public hearing at 5:57 pm.

11. Discuss and consider action on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to place a manufactured home on Lot 10A Block 1 Mineola Townsites, corner of Padgett and South streets.

Councilmember Tuck made the motion to approve an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to place a manufactured home on Lot 10A Block 1 Mineola Townsites, corner of Padgett and South streets. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Sampson and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

12. Hold a public hearing on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate an Auto Service Station (Tire Shop) at Lot 5 Block 26 Mineola Townsites.

Mayor Lankford opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm on an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate an Auto Service Station (Tire Shop) at Lot 5 Block 26 Mineola Townsites. With no citizen comment Mayor Lankford closed the public hearing at 6:01 pm

13. Discuss and consider action on ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate an Auto Service Station (Tire Shop) at Lot 5 Block 26 Mineola Townsites.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve an ordinance for a Specific Use Permit to operate an Auto Service Station (Tire Shop) at Lot 5 Block 26 Mineola Townsites. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

14. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request update from Danielle Vance from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce for the Iron Horse Heritage Festival on September 22, 2023.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the updated street closure request from the Mineola Chamber of Commerce for the Iron Horse Heritage Festival on September 22, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carrington and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

15. Discuss and consider action on a street closure request from Ronnie Gorman of RG Car Shows on October 28th, 2023, for the Iron Horse Car Show.

Councilmember Newman made the motion to approve the street closure request from Ronnie Gorman of RG Car Shows on October 28th, 2023, for the Iron Horse Car Show. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

16. Discuss and consider action on a partial street closure request from Tex Willis with Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club on October 14th, 2023.

Councilmember Carrington made a motion to approve the partial street closure request from Tex Willis with Autumn Trails Model A Ford Club on October 14th, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Newman and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

17. Discuss and consider action on a budget amendment ordinance amending the FY 2022-2023 Budget.

Councilmember Sampson made the motion to approve a budget amendment ordinance amending the FY 2022-2023 Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

18. **Executive Session:** The City Council convened into a closed meeting on August 28, 2023, at 6:04 p.m. to deliberate the evaluation and contract of the City Manager and the Chief of Police, as authorized by the Government Code Chapter 551.074, Personnel Matters.

The City Council reconvened into open session at 6:18 p.m.

19. Consider action on personnel matters.

Councilmember Sampson made a motion to approve both City Manager Rushing and Chief of Police Bittner contract with a 5% raise and City Manager Rushing extension until 2026 and Chief Bittner until 2028. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Eaton and the motion was carried by unanimous vote.

City Manager Rushing read thank you notes thanking the street department for all their hard work on Kenny Dr; and Sesquicentennial scholarships given to seniors. Ms. Rushing reminded everyone of the upcoming Sabine Stomp '23 concert. Ms. Rushing also introduced the Assistant Fire Chief Aaron Munn.

There being no further items for consideration, a motion to adjourn was made and the meeting adjourned.

Jayne Lankford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cindy Karch, City Secretary