



MINERAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 09, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Ronald Chapman

Michelle Covert (Via Zoom - Vacation in Virginia Beach)

Olivia Barrow

Rebecca McGehee

David Hempstead

ABSENT

Bernice Kube (Medical)

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Town Manager would like to add "Data Center" to New Business.

Motion to adopt amended agenda.

Motion made by McGehee, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead

E. BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

1. Guardian Angels Up Above

The business did not appear.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing - Real Estate Taxes

Nobody from the public signed up to speak for the public hearing.

Council wants to stay at the current tax rate of \$.20/\$1.00. Council and the Treasurer discussed how the raise in assessment rates by the County will mean citizens will be paying more in taxes.

Motion to approve a tax rate of \$.20/\$1.00.

Motion made by Hempstead, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public will have three minutes to comment on any matter, while maintaining professional and courteous behavior. Council will not respond during public comment, but the appropriate member of Council or Staff will address questions and concerns in a timely manner.

Debbie Moon - spoke regarding the data center.

Afton Von Tye - spoke regarding the Bowman contract.

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 4.29.2025 Minutes

1. Approval or Amendments to Minutes

Motion to approve 4.29.2025 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by McGehee, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead

2. 5.7.2025 Minutes

1. Approval or Amendments to Minutes

Motion to approve 5.7.2025 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by McGehee, Seconded by Barrow.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee

Voting Abstaining: Hempstead

3. 5.12.2025 Minutes

1. Approval or Amendments to Minutes

Motion to approve 5.12.2025 Minutes as presented.

Motion: McGehee

Council discussed adding additional detail to Section G(6).

McGehee rescinded her motion.

Motion to table minutes until July meeting.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by McGehee.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead

4. 5.21.2025 Minutes

1. Approval or Amendments to Minutes

Motion to approve 5.21.2025 Minutes as presented.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by McGehee.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead

H. OLD BUSINESS

1. Council Applicants

1. Review and Discussion regarding Council Applicants

Council received two applications for the vacant seat:

1. Catherine Nipper

2. Bob Spedden

Afton Von Tye submitted his resume after the deadline, however, Council decided to accept his application.

Council heard from applicant Nipper and applicant Von Tye regarding their interest for the position.

I. NEW BUSINESS

Data Center Overview

The Town Manager presented an overview of the data center that is being built in the county and its potential impacts on the town.

J. REPORTS

1. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager presented an overview of her report. The Manager's report is attached to the corresponding packet.

2. Treasurer's Report & Accounts Paid

The Treasurer presented an overview of her report. The Treasurer's report is attached to the corresponding packet.

3. DMV Report

The DMV report is attached to the corresponding packet.

4. Committee's Report

Fire Department

Fair July 8-12 at Walton Park.

Parade on the July 11.

VFW hosting flag day.

New tanker has arrived and personnel are being trained.

Personnel

Staff evaluations are being performed and will be reviewed by Council next month.

5. Mayor's Report

The Mayor reported he is working with Little League regarding the bathrooms.

6. Council Comments

Council Member Hempstead had questions regarding the budget. The questions were answered by the Town Manager and the Treasurer.

Council Member McGehee had a question regarding residential wells. The question was answered by the Town Manager.

K. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

6.16.2025 @ 6:30 – Budget Public Hearing

6.24.2025 @ 6:30 – Special Budget Meeting

7.14.2025 @ 6:30 – Regular Meeting

L. ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Barrow, Seconded by McGehee.

Voting Yea: Covert, Barrow, McGehee, Hempstead