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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
April 17, 2017

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. for the regular session in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted in the Minden City Hall, Outside the Minden City Hall, First Bank & Trust Co., Minden Exchange Bank & Trust Co., and the Post Office. A copy of the notice is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Mayor Ted Griess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Larry Evans, Teresa Sumstine, Bob Carlson, and Roger Jones. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Clerk Abbey Jordan, and City Administrator Matthew Cederburg. The following City Officials were absent: City Attorney Tom Lieske.

All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

After roll was called, Mayor Griess led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Griess made the following statement:

> "Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act and Public Records Law Requirements a current copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted for public inspection on the east wall of the Council Chambers. In addition, for public inspection, there is located on the table to the south of the chairs in the Council Chambers, a copy of the Council packet that was distributed to the members of the Council prior to this meeting. The City Council will take public comments on an agenda item, if it is deemed necessary. Please state your name and address prior to commenting."

Agenda item #3, Mayoral Announcements. Mayor Griess wanted to remind everyone that the Minden Police Department was hosting a Drug Take Back Day on Saturday, April 29th from 10:00-2:00. He also wanted to let everyone know that the NET recording of back yard farming people will be taped at 3:00 at Pioneer Village and the event is free to the public. Also, the Kearney County Clean Up is being held on Friday, May 5 from 10:00-6:00 and Saturday, May 6 from 8:00-12:00. He also wanted to remind everyone the choice gas selection period is currently going on. If anyone needs help setting it up please contact City Hall.

Agenda item #4, The following items were listed under the agenda item "**consent agenda**" for this meeting:

a. Consider Approval of Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings
b. Consider Approval of Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting
c. Consider Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Member(s)
d. Consider Approval for Employment of Immediate Family Members at the Swimming Pool
e. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting

The following bills and claims were submitted for approval under the "consent agenda" and are on file in the office of the City Clerk:

A. Jordan 24.87, A. Christensen 160.00, Amazon 415.57, American Fence Company 26,993.00, Anderson Ford 28,694.00, Baker & Taylor 475.29, Black Hills Energy 1,123.85, Cenage/Gale 149.44, Central Plains Library System 60.00, Charter Communications 1,296.34, City Of Holdrege Landfill 4,561.73, Consolidated Management Co 12.68, Cooperative Producers,Inc. 26.40, Data Technologies Inc 2,040.00, Eakes Office Plus 403.96, Ems Billing 1,287.55, Fifth Street Printing 817.69, Gary Braun Electric 4,132.66, Hd Supply Waterworks, Ltd 1,595.80, Iimc 50.00, Island Supply Welding Co 40.65, J. Hill 150.29, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc 50.50, Johnson Service Company 2,275.00, K&K Auto Repair Inc 633.30, K. Clapper 60.00, Landmark Implement Carquest 758.15, L. Breight 79.38, M. Froid 110.29, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc 47.43, Menards Of Kearney 105.70, Mid-Nebraska Aggregate, Inc 428.22, Minden Hardware 654.33, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 217.78, Minden Machine Shop Inc 389.62, Minden Office Supply, Inc 496.43, Mower Medic Llc 54.76, Napa Auto Parts 31.06, Nebraska Library Association 75.00, Ne Mosquito And Vector Control 95.00, Nebraska Municipal Power Pool 1,298.06, Ne Society Of Cpa's 140.00, Nebraska Truck Center 148.24, Nmc, Inc. 6,421.26, Northern Safety Co. 950.34, Ne Public Health Environmental 63.00, Nebraska Public Power District 129,873.93, Ne Public Power District 6,283.74, N T & T 81.19, One Call Concepts Inc 51.99, Oneill Heinrich Damkroger 118.00, Oriental Trading 35.88, L. T. Pedley Drug 634.00, Pepsi Cola Of Hastings 109.65, Physio-Control, Inc. 4,869.20, Presto X Co. 60.00, Rembolt Ludtke Llp 140.00, R. Space 110.00, Servi-Tech, Inc. 73.45, South Platte United Chambers 175.00, Southern Power District 20.64, Stadler Implement Inc. 71.51, State Fire Marshal Training

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Di 50.00, T. Griess 222.60, Titan Machinery Inc 3,039.97, Structural Bolt Company 72.33, Underground Construction, Inc 592.00, United Healthcare Of Midlands 1,042.12, Usa Blue Book 331.61, Verizon Wireless 954.18, Vessco Inc 1,103.80, Wex Bank 4,109.82, Western Pathology Consult Inc 237.80, Xerox Capital Services Inc 171.93.

Jones motioned to approve the consent agenda and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda item #5, National Police Week and Peace Officer's Day Proclamation. Mayor Griess read the following,

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK & PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL DAY
May 15th – 21st, 2017

WHEREAS, The Congress and President of the United States have designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day, and the week in which May 15th falls as National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, The members of the law enforcement agency of the City of Minden and Kearney County Sheriff's Office play an essential role in safe guarding the rights and freedoms of the City of Minden; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agency and that members of our law enforcement agency recognize their duty to serve the people by safeguarding life and property, by protecting them against violence and disorder, and by protecting the innocent against deception and the weak against oppression; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the law enforcement agency of the City of Minden and Kearney County Sheriff's Office unceasingly provide a vital public service;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Ted Griess of the City of Minden, call upon all citizens of Minden and upon all patriotic, civic and educational organizations to observe the week of May 15th – 21st 2017, as:

"Police Week"

with appropriate ceremonies and observances in which all of our people may join in commemorating law enforcement officers, past and present, who, by their faithful and loyal devotion to their responsibilities, have rendered a dedicated service to their communities and, in so doing, have established for themselves an enviable and enduring reputation for preserving the rights and security of all citizens.

I FURTHER call upon all citizens of Minden, Nebraska to observe Monday May 15th, 2017, as:

"Peace Officers' Memorial Day"

in honor of those law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, and let us recognize and pay respect to the survivors of our fallen heroes.
In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Minden to be affixed.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2017.

/s/ Mayor Ted Griess
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Agenda item #6, Community Development Week Proclamation. Mayor Griess read the following,

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, Nebraska's communities are the foundation for providing a high quality of life for its residents; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Minden, the Minden Chamber of Commerce, the Beautification Team, and the Community Redevelopment Authority, have demonstrated a dedication to the economic, social and cultural growth in this community; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Minden, the Minden Chamber of Commerce, the Beautification Team, Promotions Committee and the Community Redevelopment Authority, have actively supported community development. Ongoing activities include new housing development, a Shop Local campaign and business site visits focusing on business retention, growth and expansion. The community was also awarded the prestigious Downtown Revitalization grant focusing on improvements to our historic square, including a façade improvement program for downtown businesses. Several traditional events occur annually including the Spring Blue Jeans & BBQ to support our ag industry, a Summer street dance, and the Christmas traditions with a Christmas parade, renowned Christmas Pageant, and the hanging of thousands of Christmas Lights. Additional activities include the hanging of downtown banners and hanging flower baskets and landscaping on the square and City entrance welcome signs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Griess, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the week of April 17-22, 2017, as:

"Community Development Week"

in Minden, Nebraska and encourage all citizens of Minden to support community development activities the week of April 17-22 and throughout the year.

Dated this 17th day of April, 2017.

/s/ Ted Griess
Mayor Ted Griess

Agenda Item #7, Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation. Mayor Griess read the following,

CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April calls for attention to the fact that sexual violence is widespread and impacts every person in this community; and

Whereas Rape, sexual assault, and sexual harassment harm our community as statistics show that one in five women and one in 71 men will be raped at some point in their lives; and

Whereas, Young people experience heightened rates of sexual violence, and youth ages 12-17 are two and a half times as likely to be victims of rape or sexual assault; and

Whereas, when an individual is abused, it can have long-term damaging effects on the victim that also leaves a mark on family, friends, and the community at large; and

Whereas, On campuses, one in five women and one in 16 men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

Whereas, We must work together to educate our community about sexual violence prevention, supporting survivors, and speaking out against harmful attitudes and actions; and

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Whereas, the City of Minden supports the efforts of The S.A.F.E. Center and encourages efforts to prevent sexual violence including starting conversations, taking appropriate actions and supporting one another to create a safer environment for all; and

Whereas, it is the task of every citizen of Minden to step up and speak out against sexual violence. Each day is an opportunity to create change for the future.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved, I Ted Griess, Mayor of the City of Minden, Nebraska do hereby proclaim the month of April 2017 as

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

And hereby urge all citizens to actively assist and support victims of sexual violence, hold perpetrators accountable for their actions, to step up and speak out against sexual violence and strive to end sexual violence in Minden.

Passed and approved this 17th day of April, 2017

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Agenda Item #8, Treasury Report, March 2017. Cederburg reviewed the current state of the City's treasury. No action taken.

Agenda Item #9, Budget Report, March 2017. Cederburg reviewed the current budget including any overages. No action taken.

Agenda Item #10, Introduction of NPPD's local manager, Todd Warren. Todd Warren, NPPD, introduced himself to the City Council and Mayor. He spoke of his past electrical experience and his family. No action taken.

Agenda Item #11, Discussion only to consider option for return of utilities deposit in Chamber bucks.

Council members discussed the current process of applying a customer's deposit to their utility bill upon good payment history. Instead of having the deposit be applied to the future utility bill, council discussed the possibility of returning the money to the customer in the form of Chamber Bucks with an additional $20 as an incentive. This would promote spending in Minden. Jones and Carlson supported proceeding with the creation of a resolution changing the deposit refund process. No action taken.

Agenda Item #12, Consider Approval of Aurora Coop's application for bulk storage of flammable liquids.

Cory Mescher with Aurora Co-op discussed how they wished to have a system in place so that customers could refill propane tanks. The tank would be away from the actual building, and will comply with all Nebraska Fire Marshall Codes. Jones made a motion to approve Aurora Co-op's application for bulk storage of flammable liquids, and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, Consider Approval of armor coat street maintenance for approximately $34,000.

Street Superintendent Chris Klahn discussed how the armor coat would cut down on maintenance of streets and help to keep them from deteriorating. Carlson motioned to approve the proposed armor coat street maintenance for approximately $34,000 and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #14, Presentation of Police Department by Police Chief, James Huff.

Chief Huff discussed how long each officer had been with the City of Minden, and how long each officer had been in law enforcement. The police department is going to be hiring a UNK Intern to assist with nuisance properties. Huff discussed the basic job description of a Minden Officer, which included investigating crimes, animal control, plea bargains, school programs such as bicycle safety for kids up to the third-grade level and alcohol testing at school dances, and traffic control. Huff finished his presentation by discussing how the

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department was fully staffed, however, one officer just left for school so they are down one person. He discussed the overtime and why certain officer's overtime was different than others. No action was taken.

Agenda Item #15, Discussion of Phase I of the Water Project Costs. This item was tabled for a later date.

Agenda Item #16, Consider Approval of Phase I Water Infrastructure Improvement recognition plaques. This item was tabled for a later date.

Agenda Item #17, Consider Approval of Meritain Amendment #4, changes to Health Care Eligibility. This item was tabled for a later date.

Agenda Item #18, Public Comments. There were no public comments made.

Agenda Item #19, Adjournment.

Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Members absent were: Jones. Meeting adjourned.

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Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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