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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
May 1, 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 Attorney Tom Lieske, City Clerk Abbey Jordan, and City Administrator Matthew Cederburg.

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. The Mayor wanted to thank everyone for their participation in Drug Take Back Day. The police department collected 41 pounds of prescriptions. He also wanted to congratulate Pioneer Village for hosting Backyard Farmer. About 100 people were in attendance. The Kearney County Great American Cleanup will be held Friday, May 5th from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 6th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Finally, the Mayor would like to invite everyone to the Fire Department's Pancake Feed on Saturday, May 6th.

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. Item 11 on the last council meeting was amended.
c. Consider Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Member(s).
d. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting.
e. Consider Special Designated Liquor Permit for Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 AM for David W. Bunger and Carolyn Bunger d.b.a Windmill Studios for a wedding reception being held at the Kearney County Fairgrounds.

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

Awards Plus 156.00, J. Carter 1,110.10, City Of Minden 45.00, Consolidated Management Co 76.19, Dutton Lainson Co 134.78, First Bank & Trust Co 15,032.14, Fyr-Tek, Inc. 2,750.75, Grafix Shoppe 340.70, Hds White Cap Const Supply 280.00, Hd Supply Waterworks, Ltd 1,404.84, Iimc 160.00, Innovative Pharmacists Inc 60.00, Intellicom Computer Consulting 1,768.25, Island Supply Welding Co 48.80, John Deere Financial 347.82, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 580.00, Ke Co Treas Barb Lynn 4,000.00, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P C, Llo 1,000.00, Minden Opera House 51.88, Minden Rural Fire

Dept. 4,207.14, Minden Utility Dept. 4,197.91, Municipal Supply-Nebraska 166.73, Nebr Dept Of Environ Quality 150.00, Nmc, Inc. 12,313.35, Northern Safety Co. 156.72, Ne Public Health Environmental 67.00, Olsson Associates 1,903.63, Revenue Bond Payment Account 25,018.00, R. G. Young 455.00, Sos Portable Toilets Inc 150.00, Trade Well Pallet Inc 945.00, M. Raffaeli 119.26, Usa Blue Book 264.80, Working Persons Store 290.00.

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

Agenda item #5, Consider Approval of CPI's application for bulk storage of flammable liquids.

Jason VanNostrand with CPI discussed the need for the flammable liquids storage. He believes that it is in the best interests of the City of Minden and CPI. The Council discussed where the property lines were. Ryan Hurst, the Utilities Superintendent, was concerned about the water main located near the storage area. No action was taken.

Agenda item #6, Consider approval of Contract with Culpepper and Merriweather Circus.

The Council discussed a one-day pop-up circus that would hold two shows. This would be a fundraiser for the Parks and Recreation Department and an activity to bring the community together. The Council was concerned about who would be involved with promoting the event and presented ideas on others who could help. The circus will be held at the Airport Authority grass area to the east of the Water Plant on Tuesday, July 25, 2017.

Evans motioned to approve the contract with Culpepper and Merriweather Circus and Jones seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Review and Selection of Bid for Library Island Sprinklers and Hydro Seeding.

The Council discussed either to repair the sprinkler system at the library or install a new system. The City received bids from Minden Lawn and Sprinkler for $1,060 and Benjamin's Landscaping for $1,369.98. They discussed how the sprinklers were destroyed throughout the years and how the new plants will require a new system.

Carlson motioned to approve Minden Lawn and Sprinklers' bid for the Library Island Sprinklers and Hydro Seeding System and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Current Status of NPPD projects by Stan Clouse, NPPD.

Clouse reviewed the status of all current projects including a credit adjustment to the Bethany Homes transformer project and the work involved with the south substation breaker maintenance project. For the sub-transmission line, discussion took place about rewiring for the transformers and having lines for two different breakers. Clouse wanted to know if the Council was okay with having overhead lines or if they wanted everything underground. They discussed the cheaper option of installing overhead lines. Clouse was not sure at the time what the cost would be. No action taken.

Agenda Item #9, Consider setting condemnation hearing date for Lots 10-12, Block 21, Original Town.

The Council discussed sending the proposed condemnation letter for the property owner regarding the condition of the property. Steve Melroy, father of the property owner, stated he is ready to do some updates and will be starting soon. The Council discussed waiting 30 days to check on progress.

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Jones motioned to review the condition of the property at the first council meeting in June and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10, Consider approval for City to apply for Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program Eligibility.

Kate Lade-Markley, SCEDD, stated this grant is for the Kearney County Health Services to update their x-ray equipment to Medicare standards. The first step is to send a letter to the USDA stating we are interested in this grant and to consider us eligible. She explained to the Council that once the money was paid back to the City the funds would be put into a revolving loan fund setup by the Council. They also had concerns about the accounting aspects of the grant.

Luke Poore, KCHS CEO, explained that the Medicare standards are to be met by January 1, 2018.

Jones motioned to approve for the City to send the letter stating wanting to apply for Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program Eligibility and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Meritain Amendment #4, changes to Health Care Eligibility and Coverage Termination.

The Council discussed change #1 involving the definition of a full-time employee and how the new plan clarifies the set amount of hours an employee must work to be eligible for health care. Change #2 was also discussed involving the required number of days an employee must work after returning to work from disability due to an illness/injury before being eligible for disability for the same illness/injury.

Evans motioned to approve the Meritain Amendment #4, changes to Health Care Eligibility and Coverage Termination and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Appointment of Special Prosecutor for City Attorney Conflicts of Interest.

Jones motioned to approve the appointment of the Kearney County Attorney as Special Prosecutor for any City Attorney Conflicts of Interest and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Jones. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, 10-31 thru 10-59, Dogs of Municipal Code.

The Council discussed changes to the Municipal Code Dog Ordinance. They discussed how certain citizens might not license their dog because they're a pit bull even though that would be in violation of the dog licensing ordinance. They discussed how they could prove whether a dog was a pit bull or not through DNA testing and also discussed the breeds considered to be dangerous. Lieske went over the proposed changes to the ordinance

They discussed how the dog needs to be dangerous, not potentially dangerous and the actions the dog has to commit in order to be considered dangerous. They also discussed whether or not to keep the pit bull language within the ordinance or change it to dangerous dog. If the owner disagrees with their dog being deemed dangerous, they can go through an appeal process.

No action taken.

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Agenda Item #14, Phase 1 Water Infrastructure Improvements Costs.

This item was tabled until the next council meeting.

Agenda Item #15, Consider Approval of Phase 1 Water Infrastructure Improvement recognition plaques.

This item was tabled until the next council meeting.

Agenda Item #16, Public Comments.

There were no public comments made.

Agenda Item #17, Adjournment.

Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Jones, and Carlson. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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