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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
November 18, 2019

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. in a 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 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: Attorney Tom Lieske, Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matt Cederburg, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan.

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. Griess thanked and congratulated the new firemen.

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 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 167.57, Amdep Holdings Llc 290.56, Aurora Cooperative 27.80, Auto Glass Experts 312.25, Baker & Taylor Books 439.01, Black Hills Energy 73.09, Blessing Construction 183124.80, City Of Holdrege Landfill 5579.10, Cooperative Producers,Inc. 502.58, Core & Main Lp 1727.40, Dollar General-Regions 410526 83.68, Dutton Lainson Co 234.14, Emergency Medical Products 2843.48, Ems Billing 917.78, Worley Construction 4500.00, Grayson Tool, Inc 716.60, Hawkins Water Treatment 1978.67, Holdrege Daily Citizen 141.75, Hydro Tech Inc. 525.85, Intellicom Computer Consulting 1187.50, Isw 9.92, J. Carter 1477.65, J. Hill 752.76, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc 59.00, Joy's Floral & Gifts 165.00, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 380.55, Ke Co Treasurer 100.00, Kearney Hub Publishing Co. 1189.52, L. T. Pedley Drug 77.39, Logan Contractors Supply 1383.00, Mason's Market 33.42, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc 54.11, M. Cederburg 31.90, Midlands Contracting Inc 21663.11, Midwest Laboratories 140.55, Midwest Tapes 197.53, Miller & Associates 4220.75, Minden Chamber Of Commerce 2650.00, Minden Hardware 348.91, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 22.79, Minden Machine Shop Inc 400.00, Minden Office Supply, Inc 19.90, Napa Auto Parts 553.28, Nebraska Salt & Grain 4924.29, Nppd Kwh 133774.59, Nppd O&M 1859.06, Oneill Heinrich Damkroger 155.00, Platte Valley Communications Of Kearney, Inc. 85.32, Pony Express Ford 244.08, Presto X Co. 67.00, Rdo Truck Center 49.54, Rek Enterprises Llc 40.00, Sandry Fire Supply Llc 607.68, Southern Power District 33.11, Spectrum Business 29.99, Tyler Technologies 3074.10, Village Cleaners Inc 51.20, Wpci 212.80, Xerox Corporation 152.06.

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

Agenda Item #5, Presentation of Minden Housing Agency's Annual Report by Carrie Hardage, Director.

Hardage presented the Housing Agency's statistics for the year for occupancy and the financials. No action taken.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Minden Housing Agency's request to waive the "Payment In Lieu of Taxes."

Hardage requested that the Council consider a permanent waiver and named other communities that have done so. Cederburg stated that Lieske would need to provide his okay.

Carlson motioned to Approve Minden Housing Agency's request to waive the "Payment In Lieu of Taxes" for the year and Evans seconded. On roll call the following voted aye: Jones, Sumstine, Evans, and Carlson. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #7, Discussion only concerning chickens/fowl ordinances of other Nebraska Cities per Agenda Item Request.

Residents at 722 E 2nd, Annie and Steve Shearer were in attendance to speak. A. Shearer shared the portions of various community ordinances that she liked. She recommended Lincoln's city code on chickens. She specifically reviewed the regulations on number of chickens per square foot of property and the pen being 5 foot from the property line.

Griess shared the City's concerns of enforcement as the police department already deals with many dogs complaints and dogs at large constantly. Evans shared the staggeringly high number of dog issues for 2019 through September only. He stated that the City of Lincoln has 4 animal control officers to enforce the chicken code and other animal codes. Sumstine was concerned about what other type of animals may need to be included if a code was passed.

A. Shearer stated that chickens are a great 4-H project for kids. It's much cheaper and easier that kids doing ponies, cows, or goats, especially for those living in the city limits.

Glenda Blauch, resident of 615 E Holland, showed her support for the chickens with many reasons. Blauch shared the problems and time spent by the police department on dogs.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #8, Review of Order of Condemnation for the property located at 531 E. 4th Street, Minden, NE or more particularly described as the West 60' of Lots 1 & 2, Block 35, Original Town, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska.

Cederburg shared that no further updates have been shared by Vision Interests. They then shared that the condemnation has been turned over to their attorney.

Agenda Item #9, Council Action on Order of Condemnation for the property located at 531 E. 4th Street, Minden, NE or more particularly described as the West 60' of Lots 1 & 2, Block 35, Original Town, Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska.

Jones motioned Issue an Order of Condemnation to demolish the buildings on the property within 30 days and Evans seconded. On roll call the following voted aye: Jones, Sumstine, Evans, and Carlson. Motion approved.

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval of Olsson Associates Agreement for Street Superintendent & Consulting Services.

Carlson motioned to Approve the Olsson Associates Agreement for Street Superintendent & Consulting Services and Jones seconded. On roll call the following voted aye: Jones, Sumstine, Evans, and Carlson. Motion approved.

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Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Pay Request #5, of $183,124.80 to Blessing Construction for Minden Paving, Drainage, & Water Improvements.

Jones motioned to Approve Pay Request #5, of $183,124.80 to Blessing Construction and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Jones, and Carlson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Consider Approval of Payment for the Downtown Revitalization II for CDBG 15-DTR-105 to Midland's Contracting in the amount of $95,681.40 for Public Facilities & Infrastructure and Architectural Barriers.

Carlson motioned to Approve of Payment for the Downtown Revitalization II for CDBG 15-DTR-105 to Midland's and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Jones, and Carlson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, Consider Approval of Draw #28 for $74,018.29; this amount will be drawn on CDBG 15-DTR-105 from NE Dept. of Economic Development.

Evans motioned to Approve of Draw #28 for $74,018.29 to be drawn from NE Dept. of Economic Development and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Jones, and Carlson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #14, Public Comments

No comments were made.

Agenda Item #15, Adjournment.

Evans motioned to adjourn at 6:53 pm and Sumstine seconded. On roll call the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Jones, and Carlson. Motion carried.

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Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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