

# City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting  
City of Minden, Nebraska  
December 7, 2020

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Fire Hall and via Zoom per Governor Rickett's Executive Order No. 20-036, 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. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matt Cederburg, City Attorney Tom Lieske. Council Member Roger Jones and City Clerk Abbey Jordan were present via Zoom.

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 Fire Hall. In addition, for public inspection, there is located on the table on the east side of the Fire Hall, 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 recognized the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pearl Harbor on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and expressed his gratitude to all veterans. He also congratulated Peyton Schoone on being crowned Miss Christmas City 2020. The Kearney County Community Foundation collected nearly \$60,000 in donations on Kearney County Giving Day held November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**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 59.83, Accent Wire-Tie 837.9, Amazon Capital Services 80.97, Amazon Capital Services 265.67, Bill's Plumbing & Htg. Inc 676.09, Black Hills Energy 557.12, Carey's Pest Control, Inc. 102.13, City Of Holdrege Landfill 5627.48, Connor Peterson 50, Danko Emergency Equip. Co 558.49, Dutton Lainson Co 267.82, Elliott Equipment Co. 3700, Emergency Medical Products 1335.22, Fastenal Company 222.82, First Bank & Trust Co 4874.16, Grayson Tool, Inc 1168.14, Hawkins Water Treatment 3437.89, Hydro Tech Inc. 1047.45, J. Carter 403.4, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc 39, John Deere Financial 275.47, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 236, Ke Co Treasurer 5200, Lagoon Pumping & Dredging Inc 150, Landmark Implement Carquest 873.2, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 1000, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 1739.75, Mason's Market 389.1,

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Matheson Tri-Gas Inc 55.75, Menards Of Kearney 172.91, Mid Plains Heating & Air 622.38, Miller & Associates 375, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C 6654.13, Minden Hardware 569.97, Minden Office Supply, Inc 390.11, Minden Utility Dept. 3418.26, Miracle Recreation Equipment 250, Napa Auto Parts 899.2, Ne Main Street Network Inc 300, Ne Statewide Arboretum 130, Nebraska Economic Developers 150, Nebraska Truck Center 25.4, Nmc, Inc. 203, Nphe 503, Nppd O&M 39066.11, Olsson Associates 8713.37, One Call Concepts Inc 25.38, Pony Express Ford 23.78, Presto X Co. 115, Proseal 16896.36, Rek Enterprises Llc 76.96, Rose Equipment Inc. 1060.53, Share Corp. 319.48, Southern Power District 67.21, Spectrum Business 39.99, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc 50.6, The Minden Courier 77.25, T. Beck 254.5, Travelers 369, Usa Blue Book 518.07, Usa Communications 49.9, Verizon Wireless 703.57, Village Cleaners Inc 135.75, Wex Bank 3781.88, Witmer Public Safety Group 17.59, Wpci 582.8.

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, Council Adjourn Sine Die**

Council adjourned sine die at 6:15 p.m.

## **Agenda Item #6, Reorganization of Council**

- a. Oath of Office to Newly Elected Official-Jack Yant, Council Member, and Re-Elected Official-Teresa Sumstine, Council Member

Oaths of office were administered to Council Members Jack Yant and Teresa Sumstine. Present were Mayor Ted Griess; Council members Larry Evans, Teresa Sumstine, Bob Carlson, and Jack Yant; City Administrator Matthew Cederburg, City Attorney Tom Lieske, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan.

## **Agenda Item #7, Open Meeting Statement**

All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the Public. After roll was called, Mayor Ted 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 door located in the back 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.”

## **Agenda Item #8, Election of Council President through December 4, 2022.**

Mayor Griess asked for nominations. Council member Evans nominated Yant seconded by Sumstine.

Evans motioned to approve Yant as Council President and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson. Abstain: Yant. Motion carried. Council Member Yant will fill the position of Council President.

## **Agenda Item #9, Consider designation of Legal Newspaper through December 4, 2022.**

Mayor Griess asked for nominations. Council member Sumstine nominated the Minden Courier seconded by Evans.

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Sumstine motioned to approve the Minden Courier as the designated Legal Newspaper and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #10**, The following items were listed under the agenda item “**consent agenda**” for this meeting

a. **Mayoral Appointments**

- i. Dick McBride to the Community Redevelopment Authority for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2025
- ii. Aaron Martin to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- iii. Rita Crooks to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- iv. Rob Armstrong to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- v. Gordon Amstuz to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- vi. John Osgood to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- vii. Bart Woodward to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- viii. Rob Armstrong to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
- ix. Joe Anderson to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2022
- x. Alyssa Schneider to the Tree Board for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023
- xi. Greg Sitorius to the Tree Board for a term of 1/01/2021 to 12/31/2023

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

**Agenda Item #11**, Education on Covid-19 by local public health officials.

Griess stated the presence of local health providers to help with education of COVID-19 in the community.

Luke Poore, CEO of Kearney County Health Services, reported that there was no COVID admissions in October but there were 12 in November.

Doug Althouse, local health provider, stated that there was 2 weeks in November where it was not good. Patients were being transferred to Lincoln, North Platte, and Grand Island. He has never seen anything like this before and it's unpredictable!

Dr. Menon, with Two Rivers Public Health Department, gave a slide show presentation on Covid trends in the area. Menon stated that Minden's positive cases have been trending in line with Kearney County's and throughout the Health District.

Jeremy Eschliman, with Two Rivers Public Health Department, stated that the Health District has appealed to Governor Ricketts several times for a state wide mask mandate. He also recognized the schools for their efforts.

Andy Craig, local health provider, wanted to remind everyone how unpredictable this illness is. He stated that with the efforts from schools with the masks, hand washing, social distancing, etc. we have been lucky with the numbers we do have.

Bob Tank with Bethany Home, stated that the numbers are going up and that the residents are still not seeing their families. The staff at Bethany Home is being tested twice a week. They have had two staff members and one resident with positive results for COVID-19. They will begin the vaccine with the residents the week of Christmas.

Tom Brown, Fire Chief, stated that the Fire Department has been using the PPE available and trust it to do its job.

Menon also added the surge of cases has not been seen from Thanksgiving yet and he expects it to be within the next week.

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No action taken.

**Agenda Item #12**, Consider Approval of Agreement with NE Dept of Transportation for Project STP-10-1(113) on Highway 10 from 1st Street to north City Limits and Resolution adopting and approving the execution of the agreement.

## RESOLUTION NO. 1710

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA FOR PROJECT NO. STP-10-1(113).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA:

1. The City Village or County shall enter into an Agency Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project No. STP-10-1(113) for the purpose of highway improvements on Highway N-10 within the corporate limits of the City of Minden.
2. The City Council of the City Minden Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said agreement on behalf of the City of Minden and the City Clerk is authorized to attest said execution.
3. This resolution will be marked Exhibit "C" and a copy attached to each Original Agreement.

Council Member Carlson moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Council Member Yant seconded the motion.

On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Nay: none.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020.

/s/ Ted Griess  
Ted Griess, Mayor

/s/ Abbey Jordan  
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

Carlson motioned to approve the agreement with the NE Dept of Transportation for Project STP-10-1(113) on Highway 10 from 1st Street and Resolution #1710 and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #13**, Public Comments.

No comments were made.

**Agenda Item #14**, Adjournment.

Evans motioned to adjourn at 7:38 pm and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

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/s/ Ted Griess  
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan  
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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