

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting City of Minden, Nebraska January 4, 2021

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, and Jack Yant. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matt Cederburg, City Attorney Tom Lieske, 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 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 wished everyone a happy and healthy New Year. He also thanked the Cederburg for reaching out to the Governor and having the City of Minden proclaimed as the Christmas City.

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: Aqua Aerobic Systems Inc 7050.09, Aurora Cooperative 831.08, Bradley Butler 563.24, Caterpillar Financial Services 11850.00, Core & Main Lp 786.33, D & M Security 150.00, David Graham 25.04, Dollar General-Regions 410526 6.72, Eakes Office Plus 829.52, Emergency Medical Products 1423.03, Eric Vanhorn 861.94, First Bank & Trust Co 4874.16, Fyr-Tek, Inc. 2215.30, Gary Braun Electric 3500.00, Ke Co Treasurer 5200.00, Kearney Co. Clrk Myra Johnson 782.21, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 3533.70, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 1000.00, Mason's Market 432.81, Michael Raffaeli 142.58, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C 6654.13, Minden Utility Dept. 3808.50, Nphe 175.00, Presto X Co. 58.00, Quadiant Leasing 657.60, Rek Enterprises Llc 14.38, Tyler Technologies 14020.31, Usa Blue Book 87.01, Usa Communications 49.90, Verizon Wireless 651.73, Village Cleaners Inc 153.05.

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

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Agenda Item #5, Introduction to First National Capital Markets by Tobin Buchanan, per Agenda Item Request.

First National Capital Markets spoke about the options of services that they have available to the City of Minden.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval of Resolution asking all citizens to wear a mask/face covering in our community.

Yant was thanked for writing this Resolution to present.

Yant motioned to amend the Resolution #1711 adding "Whereas, Resolution 1711 is set to expire upon the Center for Disease and Prevention Control declaring the end of the COVID-19 pandemic". Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 1711

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska recognizes that we are in a pandemic due to COVID-19. And that we have seen increased cases since the beginning of the pandemic and are cognizant of the limited resources and strain on our hospital staff and system due to the number of positive COVID-19 cases. We will work with the Minden Chamber of Commerce, city officials, health staff, and local health board to urge those in our community over the age of 5 to wear a mask/face covering if possible when entering public and private businesses. We understand that some businesses may require mask/face coverings to be worn before entering. It is up to individual businesses to decide how they will handle mask/face covering policies within their own establishment.

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska understands that wearing a mask/face covering may not always be feasible or reasonable in situations such as eating, being in an enclosed separate office space or vehicle, occupations that may prevent the wearing of mask/face covering, receiving services or purchasing goods that may require the removal of a mask/face covering, to verify your identity for a lawful purpose, providing speeches, lectures or broadcasts wherein the audience is at least six feet away and other situations because of a disability, medical or mental health condition that makes it unreasonable for the individual to wear a mask/face covering.

Whereas, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska reminds all citizens within our community to follow all Directed Health Measures issued by the Governor and State Department of Health and Human Services.

Whereas, Resolution 1711 is set to expire upon the Center for Disease and Prevention Control declaring the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN.

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska urges everyone that lives in our City or may come into our City to do the right thing and help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Councilmember Yant moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Councilmember Evans seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant.

The passage of said Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution passed and adopted, this 4th day of January, 2021.

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/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

Yant motioned to approve the amended Resolution #1711 asking all citizens to wear a mask/face covering in our community and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval of Resolution Rescinding the Order of Condemnation for 146 W Hwy 6.

Agenda item was tabled.

Agenda Item #8, Presentation of Rehabilitation Plan for Condemned Property, 531 E 4th by Esmeralda Sanchez.

Esmeralda Sanchez and Geraldo Castro live in Gibbon currently. They asked if the council had any questions for the plan they had provided.

Yant asked what timeline they have for the plan that they have presented. Sanchez stated that the yard has been cleaned up, the siding has been removed and windows replaced. They are waiting for nicer weather to put new siding on. There is a tree that will need to be removed prior to repairing the roof. On the inside they will clean and spray for termites. The electrical will be checked and replaced as needed. They will install new insulation and drywall. The outside building has been removed.

It was agreed that the house will be completed in 6-8 months. Evans suggested that a biweekly walk-through be completed. They were made aware that building permits may be required for some of the work to be completed.

Tom Taylor, 325 N Hubbard, stated that there appears to be more progress completed in 5 days than the last 5 years. He has no problem with it being fixed up, he wants good neighbors. Sumstine stated that another neighbor was happy with the progress as well.

Carlson stated that the council has been burned before with promises, but that is not necessarily a reason to give up and that they should not be judged for their predecessor's lack of progress.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Approval of Rehabilitation Plan presented by Esmeralda Sanchez.

Sumstine motioned to approve the rehabilitation plan presented by Esmeralda Sanchez. Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval to Rescind the Notice to Proceed dated 11-2-2020 for 531 E 4th.

Evans motioned to rescind the Notice to Proceed dated 11-2-2020 and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval to Rescind the Order of Condemnation dated 4-6-20 for 531 E 4th.

Carlson motioned to rescind the Order of Condemnation and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Consider Issuance of Order of Condemnation for Repairs for 531 E 4th.

Yant motioned to strike #12. Sumstine seconded. Sumstine withdrew her second. No vote was taken.

Yant motioned to table agenda item #12 until July 6th with periodic walk throughs of 531 E. 4th. Sumstine seconded.

Evans motioned to amend Yant's motion to table agenda item #12 until July 6th with site visits every 2 weeks. Yant did not object to the amendment. Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Carlson, and Yant. Voting Nay: Sumstine. Amendment approved.

On roll call of the amended motion to table agenda item #12 until July 6th with site visits every 2 weeks, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, Public Comments.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #14, Adjournment.

Sumstine motioned to adjourn at 6:55 pm and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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