

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
February 16, 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. 21-02, 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 Attorney Tom Lieske, 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 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 wanted to pay tribute to the Water and Street Department with the constant snow removal and broken water mains. He also thanked the citizens for their patience for the rolling blackouts. Thank you to Wyatt Binderup for joining the Minden Volunteer Fire Department

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
- e) Consider Approval of Volunteer Firefighter, Wyatt Binderup

911 Custom 1053.00, A. Jordan 90.00, Amazon Capital Services 967.38, Aurora Cooperative 30.88, Baker & Taylor Books 393.20, Black Hills Energy 1193.73, Blue 360 Media 244.13, B. Butler 207.06, Cengage/Gale 124.10, City Of Holdrege Landfill 4795.65, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 1110.14, Emergency Medical Products 3937.17, Essential Resource Group Inc 64.00, Fyr-Tek, Inc. 3220.22, Galls, Llc 776.98, Gary Braun Electric 400.00, Hawkins Water Treatment 2023.13, Integrated Security Solutions, Llc 224.00, Intellicom Computer Consulting 9531.60, Isw 9.92, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc 24.00, Kearney Hub Publishing Co. 24.98, Kearney Powersports 176.65, Kearney Towing & Repair Center 582.50, L. T. Pedley Drug 42.65, Landmark Implement Carquest 879.41, Lawson Products, Inc. 209.97, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc 532.04, Midwest Laboratories 66.55, Midwest Tapes 52.47, Minden Hardware 397.33, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 236.03, Minden Office Supply, Inc 265.76, Morton Building 14976.00, Napa Auto Parts 121.96, Nppd Kwh 136323.39, Nppd O&M 26800.92, One Call Concepts Inc 14.60, Oneill Heinrich Damkroger 64.00, Oriental Trading 190.19, Platte Valley Communications Of Kearney, Inc. 30.45, Pony Express Ford 320.00, Presto X Co. 128.00, Rek Enterprises Llc 143.92,

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Southern Power District 110.88, Spectrum Business 40.58, Structural Bolt Company 479.97, The Library Store 65.35, The Lockmobile Inc. 652.00, Fifth St Printing 984.65, Tri Chem Corporation 528.86, Usa Blue Book 1544.06, Wex Bank 4371.68, Witmer Public Safety Group 352.58, Xerox Corporation 349.96.

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

Agenda Item #5, Public Hearing, One and Six Year Street Plan.

Lieske opened the public hearing at 6:13 p.m.

Brian Friedrichsen, from Olsson Associates, explained the one and six year plans. With the one-year plan, they took off the projects that were completed in the last paving project, no projects have been added. Only street maintenance will be completed in 2021. The six year plan, includes Minden Ave. to Holland, this is a gravel street to be paved with curb and gutters.

Griess closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval of a Resolution for the One and Six Year Street Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. 1713 One and Six Year Plan

WHEREAS, a One and Six Year Plan has been prepared by authority of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was scheduled on said plans for February 16, 2021; and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing has been published as required by law; and

WHEREAS, after a full hearing on said plan, no objections have been made thereto; and

WHEREAS, it is appearing that the proposed plan should be approved.

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

The One and Six Year Plan attached hereto is hereby approved and subject to modification, and the City Street Superintendent is directed to forward said plan to the Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards.

Council Member Evans moved for the adoption of the foregoing Resolution. Council Member Sumstine 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 16th day of February 2021.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of February 2021.

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/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

(SEAL)

Evans motioned to approve the Resolution for the One and Six Year Street Plan #1713 with the addition of streets by Yant and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval of Letter of Agreement Amendment #1 with Olsson Associates for 2021 SCADA On-Call Engineering Services for WTP and WWTP.

Friedrichsen said that this is a service that will be able to help answer any questions that the City may have throughout the year with the SCADA system. It is not to exceed \$25,000 without Council approval.

Carlson motioned to approve the Letter of Agreement Amendment #1 with Olsson Associates and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Selection of Contractor for the 25 Road Paving Project per recommendation from Olsson Associates.

Friedrichsen gave a brief overview of what work is to be done and the differences of the bids that were received. He gave a recommendation of Blessing Construction for this project.

Evans motioned to approve the 25 Road Paving Project with the contractor of Blessing Construction with the alternate and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Presentation of Jensen Memorial Library Annual Report by Library Director, Janene Hill.

Hill presented the statistics of 2020 to the council. No action taken.

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval of Purchase of WWTP Squeeze Press for \$86,300.

Utilities Superintendent, Darin Fischer gave an explanation of what the squeeze press does and the need for it. It is the finishing piece of the Bar Screen that was purchased a couple of years ago.

Sumstine motioned to approve the Purchase of WWTP Squeeze Press and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Purchase of WWTP SBR Blower for \$55,323.

Fischer gave an explanation of what the SBR Blower does and the need for one to be replaced.

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Carlson motioned to approve the Purchase of WWTP SBR Blower and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Consider Selection of Tanker Truck bid for the Fire Dept.

Fire Chief, Tom Brown gave a summary of the bids received for the Tanker Truck. He gave the recommendation of Fyr-Tek as it met all specifications provided. The others varied from the specs or didn't meet the requested items. It was noted that the purchase would be a 50/50 cost share with the Rural Consolidated Fire District. It was discussed that 50% payment was due upon signing of the bid specifications with the final payment due upon delivery, which was expected in 300 days.

Yant motioned to approve the Fyr-Tek Tanker Truck bid as the most responsible since it met all specifications. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, Approval of Final Plat for Jiggs Subdivision in Kearney County, Nebraska; The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4) of Section Seven (7), Township Six (6) North, Range Fourteen (14) West of the Sixth Principal Meridian, Kearney County, Nebraska, EXCEPT the East 17 feet thereof, conveyed to the City of Minden by Deed recorded in Book 137, Page 188, for Dedication of Street.

Yant gave a brief explanation of the property and the Planning and Zoning Committee's action.

Carlson motioned to approve the Final Plat for Jiggs Subdivision and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Abstain: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #14, Consider Approval of Resolution appointing representatives to the ACE Board of Directors.

Resolution No. 1714 Appointment to ACE Board of Directors

WHEREAS, the City of Minden, State of Nebraska, is a party to the Interlocal Agreement creating the Public Alliance for Community Energy and, pursuant to the terms of said Agreement, it is the responsibility of the City to designate a representative of the City of Minden to the Public Alliance for Community Energy Board of Directors provided for under the terms of said Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden, that:

The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Abbey Jordan as the City's representative to said Board of Directors.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to give written notice to the Public Alliance for Community Energy of the appointment of Matthew Cederburg as the City's alternate representative to said Board of Directors.

This is to certify that the appointments set out above were approved by the City Council of the City of Minden, State of Nebraska at their meeting on February 16, 2021.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

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/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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Evans motioned to approve the Resolution #1714 Appointing Representatives to the ACE Board of Directors and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #15, Consider Approval of Agreement for Permanent Utilities Easement with Myron M. and Pamela A. Weaver in The South Ten (10) feet of the North Half (1/2) of the West Seventy (70) feet of Lot Two (2), Block Thirty-four (34), Original Town of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska.

Jordan and Fischer explained the purpose and need of this easement to lift the electric line up above the backyard to the appropriate height.

Yant motioned to approve the Agreement for Permanent Utilities Easement with Myron M. and Pamela A. Weaver and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #16, Consider Approval of Engagement Letter with Blankenau Wilmoth Jarecke LLP.

Blankenau Wilmoth Jarecke LLP was presented to City Council to look at other options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant project with the NDEE.

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

Agenda Item #17, Discussion Concerning Possible Annexation Costs.

Evans motioned to enter closed session due to protection of the public interest at 7:33 p.m. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

Evans motioned to enter open session at 7:52 p.m. and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #18, Public Comments.

Yant asked about a generator for the Fire Department in regards to the rolling blackouts. Cederburg stated that the current Energy Emergency Alert is a level 2 and if it moves up to a level 3, which requires rolling blackouts, Minden is breaker #42 on the list to be blacked out.

Agenda Item #19, Adjournment.

Sumstine motioned to adjourn at 7:56 pm and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

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