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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
March 1, 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, and Bob Carlson. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matt Cederburg, City Attorney Tom Lieske and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. Absent: City Council member, Jack Yant.

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 pointed out that the Spring and Summer activities guidelines are included in this meetings packet.

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

911 Custom 502.15, A. Jordan 24.67, Burgess Well Company 1387.81, C.A.N.D.O. 1750.00, Central Hydraulic Systems 90.50, Chemsearch 996.47, Emergency Medical Products 675.00, First Bank & Trust Co 4874.16, Great Plains Gov Finance Officers Assoc 50.00, Isw 95.12, J. Carter 195.00, John Deere Financial 17.82, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 118.92, Ke Co Treasurer 5200.00, Keep Nebr. Beautiful 50.00, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 1000.00, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo 1050.85, Mason's Market 117.07, Menards Of Kearney 59.99, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C 6654.13, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 191.26, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 3441.73, Minden Utility Dept. 4855.59, Municipal Supply-Nebraska 699.78, Ne Dept Of Health/Human Svcs Pool 40.00, Nphe 18.00, Olsson Associates 25251.49, Presto X Co. 57.00, Rek Enterprises Llc 80.24, Spectrum Business 1421.55, The Minden Courier 268.27, Village Cleaners Inc 353.01, Witmer Public Safety Group 100.38.

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

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Agenda Item #5, Consider Approval of NPPD Project of $72,323.21 to replace FXB Recloser Controls with Form 6 Controls at the North Substation.

Stan Clouse and Jamie Becker with NPPD, gave an update of the need for the controls, the process and the costs of update. Evans asked about the difference between Form 6 & 7. Form 6 is the current standard with NPPD. Carlson asked about a disturbance in services for residents. NPPD stated that a power outage would not be required for this project.

Sumstine motioned to approve the NPPD Project to replace FXB Recloser Controls with Form 6 Controls at the North Substation and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Absent: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Update on the Southern Power Pool's Rolling Blackouts by NPPD.

Stan Clouse with NPPD stated that NPPD is a member of the Southern Power Pool and explained how this works. Texas had no generation in wind, nuclear, or coal during the cold temps. Nebraska winds farms generated zero output during this time as well. Energy was needed now or the whole system would go down and the entire power pool would be out of power. There was a list of areas that would be turned off to share power with other areas in the pool.

Agenda Item #7, Update of NPPD's upcoming projects and needs.

The City has asked NPPD to inspect our electric poles. They plan to inspect about half the poles this year and estimate to a 3% pole failure rate of poles. A pole life is approximately 10-12 years. A pole inspection is done by digging down below grade and drill test holes into the pole. Each inspection is approximately $36.

The south substation is needing to be replaced. The budget has been spread out over 3 years. The engineering will be started this year.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Approval of Bid Specifications for Tree Trimming and Removals in Blind Alleys.

A clarification of the areas to be trimmed and an explanation of the work that is being bid out to be completed. NPPD agreed to review the areas once trimming is completed to ensure all was done. Cederburg noted that the trimmer is required to notify the resident in advance.

Carlson motioned to approve the Bid Specifications for Tree Trimming and Removals in Blind Alleys and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Absent: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Approval to acquire a Visa Business Credit Card.

Cederburg explained the expected use and the process that will be in place for this card.

Carlson motioned to approve to acquire a Visa Business Credit Card and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Absent: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval of Covid-19 Spring-Summer Activities policy.

Joe Anderson, Minden Area Sports Commission, said that he was concerned on how the masks will be enforced.

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Evans motioned to approve the Covid-19 Spring-Summer Activities policy and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Absent: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Transfer of Quit Claim Deed for 247 W Hawthorne Street to the Community Redevelopment Authority.

Lieske stated that there are not back taxes owed on this property.

Carlson motioned to approve the Transfer of Quit Claim Deed for 247 W Hawthorne Street to the Community Redevelopment Authority and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Absent: Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Public Comments.

No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #13, Adjournment.

Sumstine motioned to adjourn at 6:59 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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