City of Minden
P.O. Box 239, 325 N. Colorado
Minden, Nebraska 68959

phone 308.832.1820
fax 308.832.1949
www.MindenNebraska.org

The Christmas City
Minden NEBRASKA

Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
April 5, 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 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 expressed his gratitude to the Minden Courier for the feature about the Minden Police Officers. He reminded the public about the Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 about housing in the City of Minden. He also pointed out that the Christmas lights are coming down.

Griess stated that a grievance was filed with the Nebraska Public State Auditor for preventing public comments at council meetings & not allowing council members to submit agenda items for council meetings. He has been cleared of any wrong doing. A new procedure will be taking place starting tonight; anyone can speak during the open mic comments portion, and was asked to keep comments civil & maintain decorum. There will be no conversation on the comment and the Mayor will acknowledge the comment with "duly noted".

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 approval of hiring of immediate family members, as required by the Nebraska Political Accountability and Disclosure Act, for the pool.
e. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting
f. Consider Special Designated Liquor Permit for Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM for T.C. Reeder Ventures d.b.a. Lucky Duck Bar & Lounge for a Quinceanera

A. Jordan- Killoy Hotel Room For Training $219.34; Amazon Capital Services- Car Tool Kit / Sharp Containers / Router / Binders $477.63; B&B Petersen Llc- Hauling For Snow Removal $1,762.50; B. Norgaard- Oil Change And Tire Rotation $120.71; Black Hills

Energy- Water Lt Dept Natural Gas $452.08; Bnsf Railway Co- Co/Rr Sign Lease @ Colo & Hwy 6/34 $100.81; B. Butler- Acadia 8" Tactical Boots $272.94; Central Community College- Provider Cpr & Books $399.40; Core & Main Lp- Water Meters, Touch Pads, Washers $3,751.27; D & M Security- City Hall Fire Alarm Monitor Qtrly $150.00; Dutton Lainson Co- Padlock Seal, Lamp $326.45; Eakes Office Plus- Copier Contract 12/15/20-3/14/21, Repairs $2,292.84; Elliott Equipment Co- (50) 12" Plastic Wheel $569.83; Emergency Medical Products- Life Pak Physio Recertified (4) $3,999.96; First Bank & Trust Co- Street Sweeper, Backhoe $4,874.16; Hawkins Water Treatment- Azone 15 / Bleach / Potassium Permanganate $1,811.77; K. Benson- Tree Removal At 305 N Newell $200.00; J. Kring- Acadia 8" Tactical Boots $272.99; Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc- Tire Repairs $74.50; J. Killoy- Water Conference Meals/Mileage $183.78; J. Bruhl- Emt Nccp Refesher Course $149.00; K&K Auto Repair Inc- 2001 Ford Truck Repair Starter Assembly $175.03; Ke Co Health Payment Cntr- Dorn Wellness $103.00; Ke Co Treasurer- Communication Fees $5,200.00; Landmark Implement Carquest- Repair Parts $616.63; Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo- Mar 2021 Legal Fees & Retainer $1,489.25; Michael Raffaeli- Window Cleaning $147.65; Mid Nebraska Aggregate, Inc- Road Gravel $751.75; Miller & Associates- Backup Power, Wtp Compliance Report $3,794.50; Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C- Sani Trk Pmt $6,654.13; Minden Office Supply, Inc- Office Supplies $272.15; Minden Utility Dept.- Electric $3,605.94; Municipal Supply-Nebraska- Curbstop Testing, Supplies $426.81; Ne Society Of Cpa's- Annual Dues $155.00; Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.- Training $395.00; Nebraska Truck Center, Inc.- Cover & Conta / Valve Assy $587.98; Nphe- Water Sample Tests $265.00; Olsson Associates- 1 & 6 Year Plan, 25 Road Paving, Scada $10,960.44; Premier Pyrotechnics Inc- Fireworks Display $5,000.00; Presto X Co.- Extermination $58.00; Quadient Leasing- Stuffer/Postage Machines Lease Apr 1-Jul 18,2021 $657.60; Reese Construction Co., Inc- Cone Traffic 18" $132.00; Rek Enterprises Llc- Repairs $92.27; Rose Equipment Inc.- Sprocket / Hydraulic Filter $581.40; Rr Donnelley- Gun Apps & Certs $97.43; Southern Power District- Electric $69.10; Spectrum Business- Phone & Internet $1,455.03; The Minden Courier- Printing $351.01; T. Kuhlman- Moving Deposit Refund $100.00; Usa Blue Book- Replacement Lel Sensor For Gx-2012 $134.70; Usa Communications- Internet $49.90; Verizon Wireless- Cell Phones $652.41; Village Cleaners Inc- Dust Mop Cloths $52.78; Wpci- Drug Screens $178.50.

Evans gave an update of the renovations at 531 E 4th Street, stating that new sheetrock is being hung by Geraldo and electrical is being worked on by Braun.

Evans wanted to clarify a few items from the 3-15-21 minutes. It was also asked that the minutes reflect that Lieske was to research police policies. Evans also requested to have “Carlson” removed from the adjournment voting as he was absent.

Sumstine motioned to approve the consent agenda with the changes mentioned by Evans to the 3-15-21 minutes. Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #5, Consider Rescinding Employee Covid Policy.

Griess and Cederburg stated that all City employees have had an opportunity to get the vaccination. Luke Poore with KCHS stated that the COVID Policy at the hospital has been rescinded as well. Griess decided that masks are not required in City buildings.

Evans expressed concerns about rescinding the policy. Cederburg stated that the policy could always be reinstated if the pandemic status changes. Sumstine stated that employers are legally able to lay off employees, cut hours, check employee temps, etc due to Covid-19. An employer can require employees to use leave in order to get paid.

Carlson motioned to approve rescinding the Employee Covid Policy and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. The following voted nay: Evans. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval to Proceed with Surveying and Drainage Improvements for Hwy 74 and Hull Avenue.

City of Minden
P.O. Box 239, 325 N. Colorado
Minden, Nebraska 68959

phone 308.832.1820
fax 308.832.1949
www.MindenNebraska.org

The Christmas City
Minden NEBRASKA

Cederburg explained the drainage problems and the need for repairs in the area. KCHS 8inquired about drainage improvements about a month ago. The intersection being a state highway does limit the options available.

Gavin Blum and Luke Poore with KCHS spoke about the issues the hospital is having with the drainage and the road conditions in this area. It is understood that the proposed drain doesn't completely fix the problem, but will lesson it.

Griess stated that 30 years ago, there was an opportunity to fix Hwy 74 in this area and the City's Tree Board stopped it due to several trees in the area needing to be taken out. Cederburg cautioned that the street budget is tight and that the numbers provided are an estimate. Carlson requested talking to the state about our concerns to see if this can be added to their repair list in the future.

Yant motioned to approve to proceed with Surveying and Drainage Improvements for Hwy 74 and Hull Avenue and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Selection of Tree Trimmer for the Blind Alley Tree Trimming.

Cederburg stated that his recommendation is to use the bid given by Benson Tree Service if area 1 & 2 could be completed this year. Nick Benson from Benson Tree Service stated that they would be able to get areas 1 & 2 completed by July 31, 2021.

Yant motioned to approve the Selection of Benson Tree Service for the Blind Alley Tree Trimming with a deadline of July 31, 2021 and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Approval of Quad-Cities Mutual Aid Agreement with the communities and rural fire protection districts of Franklin, Harlan, Kearney and Phelps Counties.

Fire Chief, Tom Brown explained that if there is a need for help from other communities this agreement gives dispatch quicker access to other departments by putting out one page and it reaches all departments included in this.

Carlson motioned to approve the of Quad-Cities Mutual Aid Agreement and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Approval of Payment to Blessing Construction of $66,189.25 for 25 Road Paving.

Street Superintendent, Chris Klahn, explained the difference in the original bid to the payment amount. There were 4 panels that needed repairs that will be booked to maintenance. Carlson asked which Railroad project will be pushed back. Cederburg stated that it will be the crosswalk by Mason's.

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

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval of Liquid Engineering's Proposal to Clean and Inspect WTP Clearwell.

Street Superintendent, Chris Klahn explained the process to clean the WTP Clearwell. Cederburg explained the inspection and maintenance completed in the past.

Carlson motioned to approve Liquid Engineering's Proposal and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

City of Minden
P.O. Box 239, 325 N. Colorado
Minden, Nebraska 68959

phone 308.832.1820
fax 308.832.1949
www.MindenNebraska.org

The Christmas City
Minden NEBRASKA

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Contract for Maintenance of Downtown Beautification Areas.

Carlson motioned to enter a closed session due to potential contract negotiations at 7:01 p.m. Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

Evans motioned to enter open session at 7:15 p.m. and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #12, Investigative Update Regarding City Personnel, Jacob Shaw.

Carlson motioned to enter closed session to prevent needless injury to the reputation of Jacob Shaw at 7:21 p.m. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

Sumstine motioned to enter open session at 7:48 p.m. and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson and Yant. Motion carried.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #13, Open Mic Public Comments.

No comments.

Agenda Item #13, Adjournment.

Carlson motioned to adjourn at 7:49 pm and Sumstine 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

(SEAL)