

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting City of Minden, Nebraska July 19, 2021

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. in regular session in the Council Chambers, 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 thanked Nadine Lovejoy for volunteering as a volunteer firefighter. Welcome to the new office staff, Kelly Riley.

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 Special Designated Liquor Permit for Saturday, September 4, 2021 from 5:00 PM to 1:00 AM for YZGYZ, LLC dba the Filling Station at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for a wedding reception.
- f) Consider Approval of Volunteer Firefighter, Nadine Lovejoy

A. Jordan--Supplies 76.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies 366.10, Aurora Cooperative--Supplies 34.57, B. Norgaard--Maintenance 96.71, Baker & Taylor Books--Supplies 593.34, Black Hills Energy--Gas 15.50, C. Collins--Supplies 130.40, Cengage/Gale--Supplies 124.75, Central District Health Dept--Fees 153.00, Chemsearch--Chemical 759.97, City Of Holdrege Landfill--Fees 5,959.05, Core & Main Lp--Supplies 6,247.32, D & M Security--Maintenance 75.00, Dollar General-Regions 410526--Supplies 172.40, Dutton Lainson Co--Supplies 90.84, Ellis Wheeler--Supplies 96.76, F. Rogers--Cleaning 537.50, Fyr-Tek, Inc.--Repairs 761.25, Galls, Llc--Supplies 91.54, Gibbins Telecom--Phone/Internet 145.00, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical 2,654.38, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering 1,857.55, Isw--Supplies 9.60, J. Kuehn--Training 200.00, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs 311.00, John Deere Financial--Supplies 194.90, Joy's Floral & Gifts--Vegetarian 330.00, Kearney County Ag Society--Fees 100.00, L. T. Pedley Drug--Supplies 354.31, Landmark Implement Carquest--Maintenance 207.84, Les Lee P. Mcgee--Infrastructure Capital 5,300.00, Mason's Market--Supplies 108.95, Midwest Laboratories--Supplies 149.80, Midwest Tapes--Supplies 136.65, Miller &

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Associates--Tech/Engineering 400.00, Minden Hardware--Supplies 710.14, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co.--Supplies 1,385.93, Minden Office Supply, Inc--Supplies 229.95, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies 397.87, Nebraska Power Review Board--Fees 441.11, Newcomb Diesel Llc--Repairs 3,514.25, Nmc, Inc.--Supplies 290.00, Nppd Kwh--Utilities 185,196.48, Nppd O&M--Utilities 21,388.07, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees 52.69, Presto X Co.--Maintenance 74.00, Quadiant Finance Usa, Inc.--Fees 39.00, Rek Enterprises Llc--Rental 97.26, Sandry Fire Supply Llc--Supplies 12,305.00, Spectrum Business--Phone/Internet 1,500.03, State Fire Marshal Training Di--Training 100.00, Subway--Training 118.83, T D S Portable Welding--Repairs 215.00, T. Beck--Printing 1,139.50, United States Postal Service--Fees 92.00, University Of Nebraska--Fees 100.00, Usa Blue Book--Supplies 179.87, W L Construction Supply Inc--Supplies 420.00, Weaver Farm Service Inc--Rental 800.00, Xerox Corporation--Fees 190.12, 7-16-21 Payroll—58,202.87.

Evans requested a clarification concerning the payroll listed in the bills and claims on the minutes. Cederburg stated the colorful handout is the payroll report included in the consent agenda each meeting. Jordan referred Evans to the gross payroll amount on the report that is listed in the minutes.

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

Agenda Item #5, Consider Approval of Liquor License Manager Application for Krystal Carter, in connection with Casey's of Minden.

Yant motioned to approve the Liquor License Manager Application for Krystal Carter. Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Final Review of 531 E 4th St, Minden, NE.

Cederburg reviewed the final inspections of the property. Dave Conyers, City Permits Officer, did a final walk through on July 8, 2021 and found one item needing to be corrected. Conyers confirmed the hot water heater had been installed on July 15, 2021. Jordan confirmed the condemnation was removed on this property in January of 2021, therefore, no further action is needed by the City Council.

No action taken.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval of Renewal of Agreement with Meritain Health for the City's Health Insurance with Carrier HCC and a Stop Loss of \$45,000.

Cederburg reviewed the current policy versus the proposals received. Currently, the City has a stop loss of \$40,000. Meritain recommends increasing this to \$45,000 as shown in proposal 2. Keeping it constant, will impact premiums.

Admin fees will increase marginally with proposal 2. The stop loss premium will drop from \$294,000 TO \$261,000 with proposal 2. The claims projection drops from \$735,000 to \$715,000 with proposal 2.

Additional proposed changes are to add Teledoc which is a phone call or video chat meeting with a doctor 24/7 and can include prescriptions. Also, adding pre-admin and post-discharge counseling is recommended to save money by additional follow-up to ensure patients are following the doctor's orders. Also approved was an increase to vision from \$400 to \$600 per calendar year and dental from \$1,000 to \$2000 per calendar year.

Yant motioned to approve the Renewal of Agreement with Meritain Health Insurance with Carrier HCC and a Stop Loss of \$45,000 and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Yant. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #8, Open Mic Public Comments.

Gail and Linda from Winters, CA attended the meeting. He's a former city manager in CA and then served as interim city managers in the same area. They inquired what Minden does to stimulate the economy? Gail mentioned they do a tractor Christmas parade with 3,000 – 4,000 in attendance. Conversation ensued about Minden's Christmas parade and festivities. Gail mentioned their façade improvement program with the City Council offering \$250 and the store owner matching \$150. He was partial to the planters in front and the additional decoration they provided. They noticed the abundance of weeds throughout the community. The mayor noted it is an ongoing battle. The Council suggested they tour Pioneer Village, Opera House, and the Kearney County Historical Museum.

Agenda Item #11, Adjournment.

Carlson motioned to adjourn at 6:28 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

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