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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
January 3, 2022

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 4:34 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Jack Yant, Bob Carlson, Teresa Sumstine, and Larry Evans. The following City Officials were present: City Attorney Tom Lieske, Mayor Ted Griess, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. Absent: City Administrator Matt Cederburg.

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 all who agreed to serve on a City Board again another term.

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. Mayoral Appointments
    i. Arlen Osterbuhr to the Community Redevelopment Authority for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2026
    ii. Tim Beck to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    iii. Deb Granger to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    iv. Kevin Krull to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    v. Terry Christensen to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    vi. Natalie Janda to the Parks and Recreation Board for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2023
    vii. Nick Benson to the Tree Board for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    viii. Don Phillips to the Tree Board for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2024
    ix. Roger Jones to the Housing Agency for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2026
    x. Andy Craig as the City Health Officer for a term of 1/01/2022 to 12/31/2022

A. Jordan--Supplies 375.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies 84.80, Blue 360 Media, Llc--Supplies 87.75, Dollar General-Regions 410526--Supplies 25.00, Eakes Office Plus--Fees 2,092.23, F. Rogers--Cleaning 591.25, Fyr-Tek, Inc.--Supplies 325.00, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical 2,146.76, Isw--Supplies 68.75, J. Carter--Repairs 528.55, J. Hlavinka--Training 80.00, Ke Co Treasurer-

-Fees 5,358.32, Landmark Implement Carquest--Repairs 488.45, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo--Legal 973.75, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P. C., Llo--Legal 1,000.00, Mason's Market--Supplies 285.85, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing 6,654.13, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities 2,978.51, Nmc, Inc.--Financing 6,550.00, Nphe--Supplies 166.00, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering 5,868.88, Presto X Co.--Fees 62.00, Quadient Leasing--Fees 657.60, Rose Equipment Inc.--Repairs 1,273.68, T. Beck--Supplies 15.05, Ul Llc--Repairs 2,277.50, Usa Communications--Phone/Internet 64.89, United States Postal Service--Fees 575.00, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet 571.27, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet 70.00, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms 551.61, Vulcan Industries, Inc.--Equipment 69,500.00, 1-03-22 Payroll--$54,670.38.

Jordan clarified the included sewer letter has been mailed to those applicable. Evans asked about utilizing the complaint procedure for the sewer letter instead of referring them to the city council. Jordan responded that yes, the complaint form could have been included with the letter. Evans asked if someone whose septic has failed and elevation doesn't allow them to connect, then what is their options? Sumstine interjected that her conversation with Darin Fischer, Utilities Superintendent, indicated that if elevation didn't allow connection, then a pump would not make that possible either. Evans asked about location of these customers receiving the letter. Jordan stated W 1st street, north Colorado, Bed and Breakfast area and north, Country Club Drive, and west of Runza and Subway areas. Fischer was immediately able to state customers that could not connect due to elevation.

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

Agenda Item #5, Consider Approval of a Permanent Easement for a concrete exercise trail with the Burlington North Railroad Company in part of Lots 6, 7, 9, & 10, Block 8, Original Town to the City of Minden, Kearney County, Nebraska.

Griess stated the easement begins north of Masons and across the railroad next to Brown Avenue. Lieske stated the easement follows the property and not the owner. Jordan stated she may need to change the official name of the Burlington North Railroad Company.

Yant motioned to approve the permanent easement with Burlington North Railroad Company. Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Yant, Carlson, Sumstine, and Evans. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Open Mic Public Comments

Yant asked about the departure of a former street department employee. Griess stated he didn't know the answer and Yant would have to ask Cederburg of Chris Klahn, Street Superintendent.

Agenda Item #7, Adjournment.

Sumstine motioned to adjourn at 6:14 pm and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Yant, Carlson, Sumstine, and Evans. Motion carried.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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