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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
December 18, 2023

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. in special 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 Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Jarvis Kring, Teresa Sumstine, Jack Yant, and Alyssa Schneider. The following City Officials were present: City Attorney Andrew Olson, City Administrator Michael Krings and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. Absent: Mayor, Larry Evans.

All proceedings hereinafter were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

After roll was called, Council President Yant led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then Yant 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 Council Chambers. In addition, for public inspection, there is located on the table to the south of the chairs in the Council Chambers, a copy of the Council packet that was distributed to the members of the Council prior to this meeting.
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> The council will take comments on an agenda item, not related to a public hearing, during the public forum only. Please state your name and address prior to commenting."

Agenda Item #3, Council Announcements. Schneider stated the NBC story featuring Minden had just been on TV.

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 excluding the Police Department
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 of:
    i. Dr. Andy Craig as the City Health Officer for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-24
    ii. Dr. John Kuehn as the Licensed Vet on the Animal Advisory Board for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-28
    iii. Aaron Martin to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-26
    iv. Rita Crooks to the Board of Adjustments for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-26
    v. Ashley Osterbuhr to the Library Board for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-27
    vi. Loneta Nolan to the Library Board for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-27
    vii. Deb Larson to the Library Board for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-27
    viii. Rusty Rhynalds to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-26
    ix. Shane Schmidt to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-26

x. Natalie Janda to the Park and Rec Board for a term of 1-1-24 to 12-31-25
xi. Michael Krings as the City's Permanent Voting Member on the Chamber Board of Directors

Amazon Capital Services--Supplies 1385.81, Anderson Bros Ele Inc--Repairs 1162.00, Aurora Cooperative--Supplies 297.87, Baker & Taylor Books--Supplies 844.38, Black Hills Energy--Utilities 157.85, Burgess Well Company--Infrastructure Repair 2970.00, Cardmember Service--Supplies 781.39, Cengage/Gale--Supplies 127.16, City Of Holdrege Landfill--Fees 6068.18, City Of Kearney--Fees 3055.00, Construction Rental, Inc.--Supplies 396.15, Eakes Office Plus--Supplies 36.30, Elliott Equipment Co.--Supplies 8611.00, Fyr-Tek, Inc.--Supplies 10782.40, Grafix Shoppe--Repairs 377.18, Great America Leasing Corp--Fees 198.39, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet 155.45, Hawkins Water Treatment--Chemical 261.95, Holmes Plbg.& Htg Supp Co--Supplies 15.25, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering 3119.50, Isw--Supplies 9.60, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs 3152.10, Joy's Floral & Gifts--Supplies 32.00, Kully Pipe & Steel Supply--Repairs 167.64, Landmark Implement Carquest--Repairs 51.46, Lee Enterprises, Inc--Fees 689.74, Mason's Market--Supplies 257.96, Midwest Laboratories--Supplies 269.60, Midwest Tapes--Supplies 72.72, Minden Hardware--Repairs 460.89, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co.--Repairs 818.36, Ndee--Operator Certification Program--Fees 115.00, Ne Law Enforcement Training Ct--Fees 126.05, Ne Statewide Arboretum--Supplies 202.00, Nppd Kwh--Utilities 123735.37, Nppd O&M--Maintenance 42840.00, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering 8071.28, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees 38.24, Pony Express Ford--Repairs 2199.84, Presto X Co.--Fees 90.31, Protex Central Inc.--Fees 139.00, R. Hurst--Tech/Engineering 1000.00, Sandry Fire Supply Llc--Supplies 2686.20, Sayler Screenprinting Llc--Repairs 237.15, Scholastic Inc.--Supplies 340.08, Siteone Landscape Supply Holding, Llc--Supplies 102.24, Spectrum Business--Phone/Internet 1216.89, Southern Public Power--Utilities 96.28, Syndicate Publishing, Llc--Fees 237.90, The Library Store--Supplies 171.32, The Lockmobile Inc.--Repairs 165.00, T. Beck--Supplies 670.42, Usa Blue Book--Supplies 273.92, Wex Bank--Gas 5253.82, Witmer Public Safety Group--Uniforms 419.40, Wpci--Fees 191.00, 12-15-23 Payroll $57,148.

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

Agenda Item #5, Consider Approval of Police Department's Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting.

Sumstine motioned to approve the Police Department's Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting and Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Abstain: J. Kring. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Public Forum.

Tom Barnes, 441 W. Lexington, stated January 9 is National Law Enforcement Day. Baylee Lima spoke in support of Agenda Item #10. She stated banning pitbulls is an outdated assumption. All dog breeds are a product of their environment and their owners. Lima mentioned a dog temperament scale where pitbulls had a better temperament than chihuahuas.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval of Treasury Report, November 2023.

Jordan presented the November 2023 Treasury Report. Overall the City's treasury is down $130,000 from October.

Schneider motioned to approve the November 2023 Treasury Report and J. Kring seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Approval of Budget Report, November 2023.

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Jordan presented the November 2023 Budget Report.

Sumstine motioned to approve the November 2023 Budget Report and J. Kring seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Renewal of the 2024 Maintenance Agreement with the State of Nebraska for Highway Surface Maintenance and Snow Removal during Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024.

Jordan stated this is an annual maintenance agreement with NDOT. The City does surface maintenance and NDOT does snow removal.

J. Kring motioned to approve the Renewal of the 2024 Maintenance Agreement with the State of Nebraska for Highway Surface Maintenance and Snow Removal during Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024. Schneider seconded On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10, Discussion of Agenda Item Request for Review of Ordinances 901 and 1142 that Prohibit Breeds including Pitbulls and other Terriers by Baylee Lima.

J. Kring stated Holdrege bans pitbulls while Gothenburg allows with a special permit. J. Kring recommended looking into what other cities are doing. Sumstine shared her concerns about the safety of Minden's citizens around these breeds.

No action was taken.

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval to Open a Checking Account for the Employee Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

Jordan stated Dana Cole has been assisting with the setup of these benefits. They had recommended a checking account at First Bank as they've worked with them on many of these.

Sumstine motioned to Open a Checking Account for the Employee Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account at First Bank. Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Abstain: J. Kring. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Adjournment

Schneider motioned to adjourn at 6:26 pm and J. Kring seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

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Larry Evans, Mayor

Attest:

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Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
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