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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
January 16, 2024

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, Mayor Larry Evans, City Administrator Michael Krings 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 Evans led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Then Evans 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, Public Forum. Pastor Tom Barnes announced the rescheduled Law Enforcement and Dispatchers Appreciation event. No other comments were made.

Agenda item #4, Council Announcements. The mayor and council expressed appreciation for the employees who worked during the snow storm!

Agenda Item #5, 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

911 Custom--Repairs $824.00, Accredited Security--Supplies $3,408.00, Ace Irrigation Inc--Supplies $205.35, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies $471.78, Anderson Bros Ele Inc--Repairs $337.64, Baker & Taylor Books--Supplies $486.28, Biblionix--Fees $1,430.00, Black Hills Energy--Utilities $281.85, Cardmember Service--Supplies $1,372.37, Central District Health Dept--Fees $234.00, Chemsearch--Supplies $1,094.24, City Of Hastings--Scales--Membership $1,000.00, City Of Holdrege Landfill--Fees $5,126.87, Cooperative Producers,Inc.--Gas $1,054.70, Eakes Office Plus--Supplies $864.08, F. Rogers--Cleaning $591.25, Fireprograms--Fees

$2,080.00, First Bank & Trust Co--Supplies $30.13, Fyr-Tek, Inc.--Supplies $200.00, Grayson Tool, Inc--Repairs $115.70, Great America Leasing Corp--Fees $287.13, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet $282.29, Greater Nebraska Cities--Membership $5,000.00, Holmes Plbg.& Htg Supp Co--Repairs $134.21, Integrated Security Solutions, Llc--Fees $75.00, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering $2,456.57, Isw--Supplies $72.47, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs $20.00, Joy's Floral & Gifts--Supplies $51.00, Landmark Implement Carquest--Repairs $236.04, Midwest Laboratories--Fees $488.17, Midwest Tapes--Supplies $615.89, Minden Hardware--Supplies $1,372.79, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co.--Supplies $733.39, Napa Auto Parts--Repairs $1,738.29, Nppd Kwh--Utilities $135,945.90, Nppd O&M--Maintenance $93,297.75, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees $11.58, Pony Express Ford--Repairs $720.42, Powertech--Repairs $570.00, Presto X Co.--Maintenance $167.38, Proquest Llc--Supplies $1,564.67, Quadient Finance Usa, Inc.--Fees $400.00, Quadient Leasing--Fees $801.78, Quick Med Claims--Fees $1,079.74, R. Hurst--Fees $1,000.00, Scholastic Inc.--Supplies $340.08, Share Corp.--Supplies $240.48, Southern Power District--Utilities $106.54, Spectrum Business--Phone/Internet $1,216.89, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc--Supplies $167.61, Syndicate Publishing, Llc--Printing $93.75, The Hastings Tribune--Supplies $200.00, The Library Store--Supplies $108.21, T. Beck--Supplies $479.95, Titan Machinery Inc--Repairs $112.36, Usa Blue Book--Supplies $41.95, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet $751.64, Wex Bank--Gas $7,009.22, 1-12-2 Payroll $59,733.64.

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

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval of Police Department's Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting.

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

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

Yant motioned to approve the December 2023 Treasury Report. Sumstine seconded. Jordan stated the enterprise funds are down $630,000. The tax funds have decreased a total of $1,280,000. Overall, the city's treasury is down $1,900,000. First, there were 3 payrolls in December. The bond funds were received. The bond counsel paid off the bond anticipation notes and the City received the remaining. The final payment for Minden West Estates phase II was made along with the west water tower painting. Kring requested to have a summary of the MWE II project. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Schneider and Yant. Motion carried.

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

Yant motioned to approve the December 2023 Budget Report. Sumstine seconded. Jordan reviewed discrepancies on general revenues, street & alley revenues, street & alley expenses, water expenses, and the combined bond expenses. Sumstine requested annotations and notes for the discrepancies. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Schneider and Yant. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Approval of Addendum to the Agreement for Legal Services with Andrew Olson, Dier, Osborn, & Cox, P.C., L.L.O. as the City Attorney.

Evans stated he had initially promised Olson an increase of the monthly retainer after a year. Sumstine motioned to approve the Addendum to the Agreement for Legal Services with Andrew Olson, Dier, Osborn, & Cox, P.C., L.L.O. as the City Attorney. Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: J. Kring, Sumstine, Schneider and Yant. Motion carried.

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Agenda Item #10, Setting the Date for the Christmas Lights to be Turned Off Annually.

Evans requested to have this on the agenda for discussion. The past couple of years the City has honored requests to keep the lights on later or turn on for special events. M. Krings stated it is approximately $16 per day for electrical and an additional $30 for each weekend day. Evans asked if it could be automated to turn the lights on and off. No action taken.

Agenda Item #11, Adjournment

Yant motioned to adjourn at 6:25 pm and 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
(SEAL)