

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting City of Minden, Nebraska September 24, 2024

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day in special session commencing immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which begins at 6:00 p.m. on 9-24-2024, and continues until all attendee testimony has concluded. The meeting was held in the Council Chambers, pursuant to advance notice of said meeting simultaneously transmitted to all members of the Council on 9-19-24 and to the public as shown by the copy thereof posted on 9-19-24 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. The notice of public hearing on the Fiscal Tax Request was published in the Minden Courier on 9-19-24.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Teresa Sumstine, Jack Yant, and Alyssa Schneider. One seat on the North Ward is vacant. The following City Officials were present: City Attorney Andrew Olson, Mayor Larry Evans, City Clerk 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.

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. No comments were made.

Agenda item #4, CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Consider Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Member(s)

No action taken.

Agenda Item #5, Public Hearing to Set Final Tax Request

Olson opened the public hearing at 6:18 pm. No one spoke in favor of or against the final tax request as there was no public present. The hearing was closed at 6:19 pm.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval of a Resolution for the Property Tax Request.

Schneider motioned to approve Resolution No. 1806 setting the property tax request for 2024-25. Yant seconded.



RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 1806

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 and 77-1633 provides that the Governing Body of the City of Minden passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Minden resolves that:

- 1. The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 1,148,754.66
Bond Fund: \$ 254,000.00

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 7.83 percent.
- 3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.524491 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 4. The City of Minden proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.539058 per \$100 of assessed value.
- 5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of the City of Minden will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by -22.79 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.

Motion by Schneider, seconded by Yant to adopt Resolution #1806.

Voting yes were:

Voting no were:

Sumstine
Yant
Schneider

Dated this 24th day of September, 2024

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On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval to Increase the Total Restricted Funds Authority by an Additional 1%.

Yant motioned to approve increasing the total restricted funds authority by an additional 1%. Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget as Proposed.

Schneider motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget as Proposed. Sumstine seconded. Krings stated the two areas with increases were wages and property insurance. Capital decreased significantly as several projects were completed. This \$16 million budget is more of a normal budget year as far as amount.

On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #9, Consider Approval of Annual Appropriations Bill, an Ordinance to adopt the 2024-25 Budget Statement, first reading.

Yant introduced Ordinance No. 1297 for its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1297

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2025. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Minden. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capital, Lincoln, Nebraska and the County Clerk of Kearney County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 24th day of September, 2024.

/s/ Larry Evans
Larry Evans, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Schneider motioned to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 1297 and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Schneider motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1297 by title. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #10, Consider Approval of Treasury Report, August 2024.

Yant motioned to approve the August 2024 Treasury Report. Schneider seconded. Jordan presented the report including the major expenses and revenues for the month. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11, Consider Approval of Budget Report, August 2024.

Yant motioned to approve the August 2024 Treasury Report. Schneider seconded. Jordan reviewed the funds over budget. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Adjournment

Yant motioned to adjourn at 6:37 pm and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Larry Evans
Larry Evans, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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