

## City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting  
City of Minden, Nebraska  
April 7, 2025

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 Evans called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: David Bunger, Teresa Sumstine, Jack Yant and Alyssa Schneider. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Larry Evans, City Attorney Andrew Olson, 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.

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**, Council Announcements. Yant thanked the Faith In Action group for starting cleanup on nuisance properties. Yant was glad Senator Dan Lonowski was in Minden last Saturday afternoon as he answered a lot of questions. Evans spent the afternoon at the MPS Preschool for the Week of the Young Child. Evans stated the City has been awarded a planning grant of \$7,500 to look at a community wellness center. The Choice Gas selection period is going on right now.

### **Agenda item #5**, CONSENT AGENDA

- 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

911 Custom Llc--Supplies, Ak Brown Enterprises, Llc--Supplies, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies, B&D Diamond Pro--Supplies, Baylor Evnen Wolfe, &Tannehill, Llp--Legal, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities, Bnsf Railway Company--Fees, Bt Ludeke, Inc--Repairs, Capital One--Supplies, Central Community College--Training, Central Hydraulic Systems & Equip. Co.--Supplies, Cooperative Producers,Inc.--Fuel, Core & Main Lp--Supplies, Cross Technologies, Inc.--Maintenance, D. Conyers--Fuel, Dier,Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal, Dier,Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal, D.

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Schroeder--Incentive, Eakes Inc--Supplies, Fastenal Company--Supplies, Fyr-Tek Inc.--Supplies, Grayson Tool, Inc--Repairs, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet, Isw--Supplies, J. K. Benson--Repairs, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs, John Deere Financial--Supplies, Jones Insurance Agency, Inc--Insurance, K&K Auto Repair Inc--Repairs, Ke Co Treasurer--Fees, Kearney Powersports--Supplies, K. R. Beerman--Supplies, Kt Diesel & Equipment--Maintenance, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies, Longshot Property Development, Llc--Economic Development, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc--Supplies, Mh Logistics Corp--Supplies, Mid Nebraska Aggregate, Inc--Supplies, Midwest Laboratories--Fees, Minden Exchange Bank & Trust C--Financing, Minden Machine Shop Inc--Supplies, Minden Utility Dept.--Utilities, Motorola Solutions, Inc.--Tech/Engineering, Municipal Supply-Nebraska--Supplies, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies, Nch Corporation--Supplies, Nebraska Rural Water Assoc.--Fees, Northwest Electric Llc--Repairs, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering, One Billing Solutions, Llc--Fees, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees, Overhead Door Co--Repairs, Platte Valley Laboratories, Inc--Fees, Presto X Co.--Maintenance, Quadiant Leasing--Fees, Revenue Bond Payment Account--Fees, R. Cole--Training, S. Anderson--Repairs, Southern Power District--Utilities, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc--Rental, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees, The Minden Courier--Membership, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees, United States Postal Service--Fees, Verizon Wireless--Phone/Internet, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms, Wex Bank--Fuel, Witmer Public Safety Group--Supplies, Woodward Disposal--Fees, 3-21-25 Payroll \$60,867.95, 4-4-25 Payroll \$70,488.83.

Jordan had a correction to the claims report. The claim for AK Brown Enterprises will be paid out of the Light Fund instead of the Street fund. Yant motioned to approve the consent agenda with the claims correction and Bunger seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #6, Week of the Young Child Proclamation**

Mayor Evans read the Week of the Young Child Proclamation

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*To Proclaim April 5<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2025,  
as Week of the Young Child  
in Minden, Nebraska*

- Whereas, The first years of a child's life are the period of the most rapid brain development and lay the foundation for all future learning; and
- Whereas, Children's cognitive, physical, social and emotional, and language and literacy development are built on a foundation of children's positive interactions with adults, peers, and their environment; and
- Whereas, High-quality early childhood programs provide important benefits to children, families and our state and national economies; and
- Whereas, Young children need skilled, educated, competent, consistent, and compensated early childhood educators; and
- Whereas, Young children need developmentally appropriate, accessible, and available early child and education settings; therefore be it
- Resolved, That the City of Minden, Nebraska hereby proclaims April 5-11, 2025 as the Week of the Young Child, and does hereby recognize that when our society invests in educators, we also invest in children and families.

*Larry Evans*  
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Mayor Larry Evans

*04-07-2025*  
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Date

No action taken.

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## Agenda Item #7, Arbor Day Proclamation

Mayor Evans read the Arbor Day Proclamation.

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## PROCLAMATION

### “ARBOR DAY”

**Whereas**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees, and

**Whereas**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska, and is now observed throughout the nation and the world, and

**Whereas**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**Whereas**, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and countless other wood products, and

**Whereas**, trees in the City of Minden increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community, and

**Whereas**, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal, and

**Whereas**, Minden has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and desires to continue its tree-planting practices,

**Now**, therefore, I, Larry Evans, Mayor of the City of Minden, Nebraska do hereby Proclaim April 25, 2025, as a day of celebration of “ARBOR DAY” in the City of Minden, and urge all citizens to plant a tree and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
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Larry Evans, Mayor of the City of Minden

No action taken.

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**Agenda Item #8**, Consider Approval of the allocation of \$13,913 from the ACE Revenue Return program to the acquisition and installation of a new park shelter at Chautauqua Park.

Schneider motioned to approve the allocation of \$13,913 from the ACE Revenue Return program to the acquisition and installation of a new park shelter at Chautauqua Park. Bunger seconded. Krings believes it's important for the public to know the City is a member of ACE. The intent of ACE is to encourage competition and drive prices down. The more natural gas customers that sign up for ACE, then the more funds that come back to the City. It is important for the community to see the benefit of signing up for ACE.

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

**Agenda Item #9**, Consider Approval of Armor Coat Street Maintenance for Approximately \$23,463 to be done by Figgins Construction.

Bunger motioned to approve the Armor Coat Street Maintenance for Approximately \$23,463 to be done by Figgins Construction. Sumstine seconded. Krings said the City attempts to armor coat several streets annually. Krings and Evans determined the best use of funds would be on Western from 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to Lexington and a portion 9th Street by the pool.

The armor coating is just a portion of the funds budgeted for street maintenance. The remaining funds may repair a couple of alleys.

Yant asked if a bond would be necessary to pave more city streets? Krings agreed it would. The City has a spreadsheet showing the sales tax received versus the bond payments and the MWE II lot sales will also go towards the bond payments. The City is looking at paving a couple of blocks NW of Highways 10 & 6/34. Yant asked if a couple of gravel streets in the NE portion of the city could be armor coated? Krings replied the challenge is the streets must have concrete curb and gutter to be armor coated.

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

**Agenda Item #10**, Consider Approval of Selling/Vending per Minden Municipal Code Sec. 58-1 on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the 400 block of N Colorado Avenue northbound, 300 block of E 4th Street westbound, 400 block of N Minden Avenue southbound, and the 300 block of E 5th Street eastbound.

Yant motioned to approve Consider Approval of Selling/Vending per Minden Municipal Code Sec. 58-1 on Saturday, June 7, 2025 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. on the 400 block of N Colorado Avenue northbound, 300 block of E 4th Street westbound, 400 block of N Minden Avenue southbound, and the 300 block of E 5th Street eastbound. Schneider seconded. Jordan stated this is for the Chamber's annual DAWG days. This year they plan to utilize the entire inside of the square with additional vendors on the grass surrounding the courthouse.

Discussion took place about sales tax collection. Jordan stated the Chamber has been provided the business license which notifies the City that the business has a sales tax permit. The Chamber passes it along to vendors. The state legislature is currently looking at a bill that would allow cities to see which businesses are collecting and remitting sales tax.

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

**Agenda Item #11**, Consider Approval of Payment to Longshot Property Development, LLC., for \$41,655.91 for new construction activities accomplished 2/11/2025 to 3/17/2025 of: completion of unit framing, roofing with downspouts and gutter boxes, and General Contracting services.

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Yant motioned to approve the Consider Approval of Payment to Longshot Property Development, LLC., for \$41,655.91 for new construction activities accomplished 2/11/2025 to 3/17/2025 of: completion of unit framing, roofing with downspouts and gutter boxes, and General Contracting services. Sumstine seconded.

Krings added the grant will hold 10% of funds until project completion. \$75,000 will be held and released upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #12**, Consider Approval of Reimbursement Draw #11 for \$41,655.91; this Amount will be Drawn on NAHTF 23-TFRH-34009 from NE Dept. of Economic Development.

Schneider motioned to approve the Reimbursement Draw #11 for \$41,655.91. Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

### **Agenda Item #13**, Adjournment

Bunger motioned to adjourn at 6:26 pm and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Larry Evans  
Larry Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan  
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

(SEAL)