

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting City of Minden, Nebraska September 22, 2025

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day in session commencing immediately upon adjournment of the preceding budget hearing, which began at 7:00 p.m. on 9-22-2025, and continued 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 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 7:09 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 Administrator Michael Krings, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. Absent: City Attorney Andrew Olson.

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 Mayor 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. Craig Lupkes, 603 N. Tower, wanted to know where the street projects are going to place and when? Will it be talk or will it be done?

Agenda item #4, CONSENT AGENDA

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

No action taken.

Agenda Item #5, Consider Approval of a Resolution for the Property Tax Request.

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RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

RESOLUTION NO. 1826

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 1,238,066.70
Bond Fund: \$ 282,660.00

- 2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.41 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 0.49724 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 10.14 percent.
- 6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Bunger, seconded by Yant to adopt Resolution # 1826.

Voting yes were:
David Bunger
Teresa Sumstine
Jack Yant
Alyssa Schneider

Voting no were:

Dated this 22nd day of Sept, 2025

Bunger motioned to approve Resolution 1826 for the Property Tax Request and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #6, Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget as Proposed.

Krings stated multiple streets are being engineered. K Road is a paving district that was petitioned to be paved and the costs will be assessed back to the property owners. Tower from 5th to the RR tracks and 7th Street from Tower to the Highway is currently being

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engineered due to the Fill-N-Chill new store. The project has helped push this area to get paved as it has drainage problems and a collapsed storm drain along 7th Street. The additional property taxes for paving will be decided by the City Council. There are a lot of streets that need paved. It is anticipated the project to be done fall of 2026.

Krings also added nothing has been decided on the Pioneer Village street. The City will not be buying it. The City Council will decide if the street is given back to the City.

Yant motioned to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget as Proposed and Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #7, Consider Approval of Annual Appropriations Bill, an Ordinance to adopt the 2025-26 Budget Statement, first reading.

Schneider introduced Ordinance No. 1308 for its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1308

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; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM.

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, 2025, through September 30, 2026. 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 22nd day of September, 2025.

/s/ Larry Evans
Larry Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
(SEAL)

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

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Yant motioned to waive the three readings of Ordinance No. 1308. Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Bunger motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1308 by title. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #8, Consider Approval of the Quote and Authorize Payment to JCI Industries for a New Heliflow Blower Unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$17,635.

Yant motioned to approve the Quote and Authorize Payment to JCI Industries for a New Heliflow Blower Unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$17,635. Bungler seconded. Krings stated the WWTP has 3 blowers. Two went out at the same time. One is being repaired and the other cannot be repaired.

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

Agenda Item #9, Adjournment.

Bunger motioned to adjourn at 7:21 p.m. and Schneider seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bungler, Sumstine, Yant, and Schneider. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Larry Evans
Larry Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk
(SEAL)