

# City of Minden

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## Minutes of Council Meeting City of Minden, Nebraska February 17, 2026

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 and Jack Yant. The following City Officials were present: City Attorney Andrew Olson, Mayor Larry Evans, City Administrator Michael Krings, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. Absent: Council member Alyssa Schneider.

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**, Council Announcements. No announcements were made.

**Agenda Item #4**, Public Forum. No one spoke.

### **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 Approval of Cafeteria Plan Reimbursements for this Council Meeting
- d. Consider Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Member(s)
- e. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting

3n's Inc--Repairs \$84.08, 7aa Investments--Supplies \$89.79, All Roads Barricades, Inc--Rental \$1,600.00, Amazon Capital Services--Supplies \$1,051.05, American Express--Supplies \$643.69, Aurora Cooperative Elevator Company--Fuel \$40.73, Black Hills Gas Holdings, Llc--Utilities \$357.30, Business World Products Of Hastings, Inc--Supplies \$84.99, Cengage Learning, Inc--Supplies \$98.37, Charter Communications Holdings, Llc--Phone/Internet \$339.51, City Of Holdrege--Fees \$6,534.58, Consolidated Concrete Co--Repairs \$686.13, Cooperative Producers, Inc.--Fuel \$613.91, Dana F Cole & Company, Llp--Fees \$50.00, Dier, Osborn & Cox, P.C., L.L.O--Legal \$2,002.50, Eakes Inc--Supplies \$46.02, E. Cline--Training \$374.00, Five Points Bank--Fees \$249.68, Fyr-Tek Inc.--Supplies \$655.28, Great Plains Communications--Phone/Internet \$122.82, Greatamerica Financial Services Corporation--Fees \$135.23, Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance Ltd--Supplies \$213.40, Ingram Library Services Llc--Supplies \$265.37, Intellicom Computer Consulting--Tech/Engineering \$6,178.15, Isw--Supplies \$9.92, J. Carter--Repairs \$754.80, Jims Ok Tire Minden Llc--Repairs \$165.50, J-Spot Services Llc--Maintenance \$1,067.00, Kearney Powersports--Repairs \$371.40, Kully Pipe & Steel Supply--Supplies \$326.71, Landmark Implement Carquest--Supplies

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\$101.88, Landmark Implement Inc--Supplies \$96.86, Lcl Truck Equipment, Inc--Repairs \$9,451.39, League Of Nebr. Municipalities--Membership \$75.00, Mid Nebraska Aggregate, Inc--Supplies \$179.55, Midwest Tapes--Supplies \$240.65, Minden Rural Fire Dept.--Fees \$5,633.57, Morton Building--New Infrastructure \$10,496.00, Mountain Plains Library Association--Membership \$175.00, Municipal Pipe Services Inc--Supplies \$12,749.50, Municipal Supply-Nebraska--Supplies \$1,418.87, Napa Auto Parts--Supplies \$695.62, Ndee Swimming Pools--Fees \$40.00, Nebraska Library Commission--Membership \$500.00, Nielsen Contracting Llc--Infrastructure Repair \$18,411.00, Nmc, Inc.--Rental \$16,700.00, Nppd Kwh--Utilities \$162,815.72, Nppd O&M--Maintenance \$102,902.26, Olsson Associates--Tech/Engineering \$8,994.82, One Billing Solutions, Llc--Fees \$2,289.15, One Call Concepts Inc--Fees \$25.22, P. Jensen--Repairs \$989.85, Plumbing & Heating Wholesale, Inc--Repairs \$114.14, Pony Express Ford--Repairs \$487.85, Presto X Co.--Maintenance \$111.53, Quadient Leasing--Fees \$845.39, Reece Construction Co., Inc.--Repairs \$254.00, Rek Enterprises Llc--Repairs \$629.28, Rembolt Ludtke Llp--Legal \$4,408.50, R. Hurst--Tech/Engineering \$750.00, Southern Power District--Utilities \$37.28, Southern Power District--Utilities \$50.37, Syndicate Publishing, L.L.C.--Fees \$404.42, Town And Country Farm And Home Inc--Supplies \$2,636.30, United Parcel Service, Inc--Fees \$76.84, Vermeer High Plains--Rental \$500.00, Village Cleaners Inc--Uniforms \$52.13, Wex Bank--Fuel \$5,006.49, Woodward Disposal--Fees \$32.50, 2-6-26 Payroll \$72,556.68.

Yant motioned to approve the consent agenda and Bunger seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #6**, Consider approval of Treasury Report, January 2026.

Bunger motioned to approve the January 2026 Treasury Report and Sumstine seconded. Jordan stated that overall, there was an increase of about \$38,000 from last month's treasury and highlighted a few of the expenses and revenues. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #7**, Consider approval of Budget Report, January 2026.

Yant motioned to approve the January 2026 Budget Report and Bunger seconded. Jordan explained that the difference in the expected vs actual revenues is due to grants that were budget for and not received. Evans asked about the numbering on the last page for large items. Jordan stated that the numbering is a carry-over from the previous month and matched up the correct ones. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #8**, Consider approval of payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$4,408.50 for legal services.

Bunger motioned to approve the payment to Rembolt Ludtke LLP in the amount of \$4,408.50 for legal services and Yant seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger and Yant. Abstain: Sumstine. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Item #9**, Consider adoption of procurement standards and code of conduct for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003.

Bunger motioned to approve procurement standards and code of conduct for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003 and Sumstine seconded. Lori Ferguson, SCEDD, started by saying the City needs to approve updated procurement procedures to meet the grant requirements.

Krings reminded the public that the City currently has two CDBG Grants right now and one is for \$810,000 awarded to Royal for an expansion project. This project is expected to add 23 new jobs and is a \$1.6 million project. The other project is \$53,000 for the water study planning grant that the City is working with JEO on.

Ferguson added Royal is required to create 23 new jobs and maintain them for a year. The positions have already been filled. A draw request will be done soon. The funds come to the City from DED. SCEDD will operate as the non-profit development

organization. Half of the loan will be forgiven once they have maintained those jobs for the appropriate amount of time and the other half will be repaid into SCEDD's revolving loan fund, which will be available to other eligible businesses in their 13-county area.

Krings said that in discussions with Royal, they were probably going to add approximately 100 jobs over the next 5 years. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #10**, Consider adoption of proposed fair housing action for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003.

Bunger motioned to approve the adoption of proposed fair housing action for CDBG Grant #25-ED-003 and Sumstine seconded. Lori Ferguson, SCEDD, said that with every block grant that is awarded to a community you have to adopt a fair housing activity. The federal funding source for the block grant is Housing and Urban Development (HUD), so they have a high priority on housing in general. Ferguson is proposing a basic fair housing activity that other communities done. A fair housing notice will be printed in the newspaper twice. This is just for Royal's CDBG grant and will have another one for the planning grant.

Krings stated that our community knows there are processes and procedures that they can be gone through to make complaints about fair housing practices. HUD wants to get this information out in a variety of ways. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #11**, Consider approval of Advanced Life Support Transfer Services Agreement with Kearney County Health Services.

Yant motioned to approve the Advanced Life Support Transfer Services Agreement with Kearney County Health Services and Bunger seconded. Krings said that this is a great opportunity for all involved. This is for non-life-threatening transports that need to happen from our hospital. Right now, the hospital hires a third-party transport to come pick up a patient. These third-party industries are getting thin. The hospital has voiced their frustrations about this, as they often have to wait 45 minutes or longer for someone to come pick up a patient. They have looked at other opportunities to expedite this, and it will also be an opportunity for our local department. There will be an opportunity for revenue from insurance companies and our local volunteers to get paid to provide this service. With the third ambulance available this is something that we are able to provide.

Tom Brown, Fire Chief, said that a lot of times the wait is 2-8 hours for transport. They have provided this service before in emergencies and had KCHS staff on board. There currently is no agreement for this service. Sumstine asked if they had met other ambulances on the way to another hospital. Brown replied that they have had to meet Good Sam for higher level care. He said that they would transport to higher level hospitals in Kearney, Hastings and Grand Island if needed.

Bunger asked if there were going to be any problems with certifications on the old unit. Brown said it is currently certified as long as it's not taken out of service. Evans asked if any of the three ambulances can be used. Brown replied yes, but for this they will lean more towards the white and red ones and use the new purple one for local 911 calls. He said that in the last 3 months they have had times where all 3 ambulances have been out on calls. He said that the red one will be designated for transports unless there are weather concerns as the white one has four-wheel drive.

Brown stated that if it comes to a point where this does not work out for either party, that we can terminate it. Evans asked how the compensation would work. Brown said the fire dept will have two people, a driver and an EMT. The compensation will be \$50 per hour, with a two-hour minimum. They will be responsible for all the paperwork before submitting for payment. Jordan clarified that the fire dept will submit to the City Office for payment and then it will go through the claims approval process. Evans asked once the paperwork is submitted and approved through council, does the insurance companies then pay the City? Brown and Krings confirmed that the insurance will be billed the allowable amount by insurance companies which will generate revenue.

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Bunger asked if this could leave a shortage of EMTs for local calls. Brown said that it hasn't yet, the times that they have done it. Bunger asked if there was no chance of going to Lincoln or Omaha. Brown said that he does not want to get into that and doesn't think that is a position for us. Olson asked how fast they can make it to Good Sam in Kearney. Brown said that they can make it there pretty fast if needed, but the transports that they will be doing will be basic non-life threatening. If something is bad and Good Sam cannot transport, then we can do this, because a KCHS provider would be in the ambulance.

Evans asked what the difference was with the basic life and advanced. Brown confirmed that the basic life will be with an EMT whereas an advanced would be with a paramedic or nurse practitioner on the transport. He said that the hospital is hiring paramedics and APRNs. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

**Agenda Item #12**, Consider approval of the certificate of payment # 2 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$18,411.00 to Nielsen Contracting LLC.

Bunger motioned to approve the Certificate of Payment No. 2 for the K Road Public Paving Improvements and issuance of payment in the amount of \$18,411.00 to Nielsen Contracting LLC and Sumstine seconded. Krings said that this is the second payment for the quarter mile of K road by KAPPA Ethanol. At this point, he believes the only thing left is seeding the ditches, which will happen this spring. When that is done, then the final payment will be issued. Once done the costs will then be assessed for the entire project back to the property owners. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger and Sumstine. Nay: Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

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

Bunger motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted aye: Bunger, Sumstine and Yant. Absent and not voting: Schneider. Motion carried.

/s/ Larry Evans  
Larry Evans, Mayor

ATTEST:

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