

Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
March 17, 2014
6:00 p.m.



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 Jones called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Larry Evans, Teresa Sumstine, Ted Griess, and Lathan Thompson. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Roger Jones, City Administrator Matthew Cederburg, City Attorney Tom Lieske 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 Jones led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Jones next 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 door located in the back 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 City Council will take public comments on an agenda item, if it is deemed necessary, before the Council begins discussion of the agenda item.”

- a. The following items were listed under the agenda item “consent agenda” for this meeting:
 - a. Consider Approval of Minutes of Previous City Council Meeting (s)
 - b. Consider Approval of Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting.
 - c. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting.

The following bills and claims were submitted for approval under the “consent agenda” and are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Amazon 131.99, Baker & Taylor 79.14, Barco Municipal Products, Inc. 164.56, Big John's Ford, Inc. 114.41, C. Gale 23.39, City Of Holdrege Landfill 3,294.38, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 31.00, D. Cole 5,415.00, Dutton Lainson Co. 503.33, Eakes Office Plus 982.09, Electronic Systems 40.00, Emergency Medical Products 365.78, Ems Billing 256.22, Fireguard, Inc. 436.65, Graham Tire Co. 252.60, Grayson Tool, Inc. 135.00, Innovative Pharmacists Inc. 182.19, Intellicom Computer Consulting 837.50, Island Supply Welding Co. 64.79, J. Wright 70.00, J. Sinsel 70.00, Johnson Service Company 400.00, K&K Auto Repair Inc. 206.56, Ke. County Econ. Develop Agency 1,556.00, Kearney Hub Publishing Co. 36.32, J. K. Benson 400.00, Krull

Agency Of Minden, Inc. 1,773.00, Landmark Implement Carquest 639.42, Lawson Products, Inc. 170.67, Mason's Market 53.83, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc. 183.03, M. Cederburg 40.68, Matt Friend Truck Equip. 141.40, The Minden Courier 585.11, Minden Hardware 386.85, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 139.13, Minden Office Supply, Inc. 503.88, Napa Auto Parts 195.29, NCS Equipment, Inc. 1,064.15, Nebraska Public Power District 158,788.18, NE Public Power District 22,521.45, NT&T 80.50, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company 27.16, Platte Valley Laboratories 50.00, Republican Valley Library Syst 15.00, Source Gas 2,047.63, Southern Power District 76.09, Stadler Implement Inc. 40.44, Verizon Wireless 412.71, Village Cleaners Inc. 37.20, Wex Bank 5,434.23, Western Pathology Consult Inc. 79.30, Xerox Capital Services Inc. 39.96.

Council Member Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda. Council Member Griess seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried.

Agenda item #4, February 2014 Treasury Report.

City Administrator Matthew Cederberg presented the Treasury Report for February 2014. No action taken.

Agenda item #5, Consider discussion and approval for Council Member Thompson's fund raiser for the SAFE Center in Kearney, NE.

Council Member Thompson presented a fundraiser for the SAFE center. Thompson stated that his plan was to advertise that he would paint new street address numbers on curbs for a \$20 donation with 100% of the proceeds going to the Kearney, NE SAFE Center. In the past, the City has paid to have the street numbers put on the curb.

Council Member Evans moved to approve Council Member Thompson's fundraiser for the SAFE center in Kearney, NE. Seconded by Griess. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Griess. The following abstained: Thompson. Motion Carried.

Agenda item #6, Consider discussion and approval of Resolution for City to share costs and accept duties of LB589 with County for the Minden Triathlon to be held Sunday, June 1, 2014.

The Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the City and the County is to split costs which will include labor and electronic message boards and to accept joint liability for the event as required by LB589.

Concerns were expressed regarding the liability of this event and how potential risks can be limited.

Council member Griess motioned to approve the resolution for the City to share the costs of this particular event and to accept the duties of LB589. Seconded by Thompson. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried.

Agenda item #7, Consider approval of NPPD project for approximately \$7,000 for a new commercial connection. The project is for a new demand service connection for Winfield at Lots 2&3 at Minden West Estates.

Council Member Evans motioned to approve the NPPD project with an estimated cost of \$6,972. Seconded by Thompson. On Roll Call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried.

Agenda item #8, Consider discussion and approval of Franchise Fee Ordinance for Natural Gas.

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg stated that the franchise fee is currently calculated at \$0.015 per therm and generates on average \$18,594 per year for the City; the fee is paid directly by the consumer and is a line item on the monthly bill. Cederburg went on to explain that this particular franchise fee is up for renegotiation very ten years with the last being in 2004. The revenue impacts of various rate adjustments were reviewed.

Council member Evans motioned that the Franchise fee for Natural Gas remain the same at \$0.015 per therm. Seconded by Thompson. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Council Member Thompson and seconded by Sumstine to adjourn the meeting at 6:34 p.m. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Evans, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roger Jones
Roger L. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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