

Minutes of Council Meeting  
City of Minden, Nebraska  
April 7, 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.”

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. d. Consider Approval of Volunteer Firefighter, Andrew Knott

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

A. Jordan 175.34, Big John's Ford, Inc 350.86, Bill's Plumbing & Htg. Inc 52.00, Bnsf Railway Co. 81.96, Central Fire & Safety Co 269.90, Charter Communications 1,195.53, C. Klahn 84.63, City Of Minden 205.00, C. Melroy 70.00, D & M Security 55.50, State Of Nebraska 100.00, D. Ehlers 400.00, E. Pierce 400.00, Excel Development Group 2,400.00, Fifth Street Printing 1,409.00, First Bank & Trust Co 8,106.06, Fyr-Tek, Inc. 3,735.03, Total Funds By Hasler 400.00, Hawkins Water Treatment 2,353.94, Hd

Supply Waterworks, Ltd 826.20, John Deere Financial 14.98, J. Quadhamer 340.00, J. Glanzer 70.00, Ke Co Treas B. Lynn 3,333.33, Kearney Hub Publishing Co. 41.42, Krull Agency Of Minden, Inc. 2.00, Landmark Implement Carquest 421.85, T. Lieske 2,119.75, Mailfinance 825.00, Mason's Market 94.41, M. Cederburg 469.50, Municipal Emergency Serv 1,327.00, Michael Todd & Company, Inc. 72.40, The Minden Courier 1,131.47, Minden Hardware 431.84, Minden Office Supply, Inc 499.75, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 854.07, Minden Utility Dept. 5,817.98, Mower Medic Llc 434.32, Ncs Equipment, Inc. 7.98, Northern Safety Co. 66.25, Ne Public Health Environmental 213.00, Olsson Associates 3,508.75, One Call Concepts Inc 27.70, Platte Valley Communications 258.87, Revenue Bond Payment Account 2,314.05, R. Young 460.00, R. Grotrian 600.00, Sos Portable Toilets Inc 90.00, Sourcegas 1,094.85, Southern Power District 3,755.45, M. Raffaelli 100.98, United States Postal Service 220.00, Verizon Wireless 411.67, Village Cleaners Inc 74.40, Reis Environmental 2,868.36.

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 Budget Report.

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg gave a presentation regarding the budget through February.

Agenda item #7, Discussion of City and Property Owner Responsibilities concerning tree maintenance as outlined in Chapter 90 of the municipal code.

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg gave an overview on the proposed notification process regarding property owners and their responsibilities. Additionally, a list was compiled regarding trees that are currently a concern -- and which owners need to be notified to take action. A concern was expressed regarding hardships and bearing the financial costs of maintaining and/or removing a tree. There are citizens within the community that cannot afford to have their trees maintained, which is why this is a concern. It was suggested that individuals who have a hardship could apply for a 50% cost share with the city to get their tree removed.

Council Member Griess motioned that the City utilizes letter #2 and send it out to people on the list to notify them that action needs to be taken regarding their tree(s). Seconded by Thompson. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried.

Agenda item #5, Tree City Presentation – Pat Haight.

Pat gave a presentation of the Tree City USA Award for 29 years. He also recognized individuals who assisted the City with regards to trees. Also, he gave an overview of the Arbor Day festivities scheduled for Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Agenda item #6, Review of City Tree Board's Recommended changes to Chapter 90-Vegetation of the Municipal Code.

Pat Haight highlighted the changes to the municipal code that the Tree Board is recommending.

Agenda item #8, Discussion of Sunday liquor sales per state statute.

Originally, off sale liquor was not permitted to be sold on Sundays in an effort to provide business to the bar in Heartwell which has since closed. It has been proposed to allow off sale liquor sales on Sundays in Minden due to modernization and convenience.

Council Member Sumstine motioned to have the City Attorney create an Ordinance to allow for Sunday off-sale liquor sales per state statute. Seconded by Thompson. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson.

Agenda item #9, Adjournment.

It was moved by Council Member Thompson and seconded by Griess to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 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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