

Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
September 15, 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.

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

American Fence Company 4,700.00, American Library Assoc 137.00, Arbor Day Foundation 10.00, Baker & Taylor 8.95, Big John's Ford, Inc 97.90, Bill's Plumbing & Htg. Inc 51.47, Cenage/Gale 93.56, Central Hydr. Sys. & Eq. Co. 41.96, City Of Holdrege Landfill 4,652.57, Construction Rental, Inc. 412.50, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 2568.32, Data Technologies Inc 550.00, Diamond Vogel Paints Inc 350.85, Digital Ally 275.00, Eakes Office Plus 660.68, Ems Billing 84.81, Fifth Street Printing 34.00, Fireguard, Inc. 1,641.17, Gary Braun Electric 75.00, Gary Thompson Agency, Inc. 1,680.00, Hawkins Water Treatment 970.19, Intellicom Computer Consulting 645.50, Island Supply Welding Co 8.68, J. Kevin Benson 950.00, J. Carter 4667.35, Joy's Floral & Gifts 55.00, K&K Auto Repair Inc 607.96, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 90.00, Kearney Hub Publishing Co. 250.48, Landmark Implement Carquest 62.77, LCL Truck Equipment, Inc 4418.64, Mason's Market 33.98, M. Cederburg 159.04, Melroy Home Cable 110.00, Mh Equipment Company 991.25, Minden Hardware 485.85, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 562.50,

Minden Office Supply, Inc 356.00, N T & T 80.50, Napa Auto Parts 117.05, Ncs Equipment, Inc. 1183.15, Ne Public Power District 19,689.86, Nebraska Public Power District 197,388.09, Nmc, Inc. 113.89, One Call Concepts Inc 36.60, Pepsi Cola Bottling Company 81.47, Proquest LLC 1,155.00, Source Gas 67.85, Southern Power District 18.02, Stadler Implement Inc. 48.94, The Minden Courier 247.70, Total Funds By Hasler 400.00, Verizon Wireless 414.87, Village Cleaners Inc 49.40, Wex Bank 4913.32, Xerox Capital Services Inc 48.33

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

Agenda item #4, August 2014 Treasury Report

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg gave a brief report regarding the state of the City's treasury accounts. No action taken.

Agenda item #5, August 2014 Budget Report

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg reported on the current state of the budget. No action was taken.

Agenda item #6, Consider Approval of NPPD's Fiscal Year 2014-15 O&M Budget of \$220,492.00 and Capital Improvement Budget of \$59,078.60. City Administrator Matthew Cederburg explained the NPPD's Fiscal Year 2014-15 O&M Budget, Capital Improvement and actual budget.

Council Member Griess motioned for the approval of NPPD's Fiscal Year 2014-15 O&M Budget of \$220,492.00 and Capital Improvement Budget of \$59,078.60. Council Member Sumstine seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #7, Public Hearing to Consider Fiscal Year 2014-15 City Budget.

City Attorney Lieske opened the public hearing at 6:09 P.M regarding the fiscal year 2014-15 City Budget. Seeing nobody from the public who was in support or opposition of the plan, the public hearing was closed at 6:10 P.M.

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg explained both the enterprise and tax sides of the budget in detail highlighting the items of significance in each fund as well as any changes from the previous budget presentation.

Council Member Sumstine motioned to increase the restricted funds authority by an additional one percent (1.0%). Council Member Evans seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Council Member Evans motioned to approve the fiscal year 2014-15 budget as proposed. Council Member Griess seconded the motion. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #8, Public Hearing to Consider Setting the Final Tax Request at a Different Amount than the Prior Year Tax Request, Resolution #1627.

City Attorney Lieske opened the public hearing at 6:31 P.M regarding setting the Final Tax Request. Seeing nobody from the public who was in support or opposition of the plan, City Attorney Lieske closed the public hearing at 6:32 P.M.

Council Member Griess introduced Resolution No. 1627

RESOLUTION NO. 1627

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR 2014-2015

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Minden passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Minden that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Minden, by a majority vote, resolves that:

The 2014-2015 property tax request be set at \$714,314.00 for the General Fund and \$0.00 for the Bond Fund for a total Tax Request of \$714,314.00. A copy of this resolution is to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2014.

The passage of said Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution passed and adopted, this 15th day of September 2014.

/s/ Roger L. Jones
Roger L. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

Evans seconded the resolution. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #9, Consider Approval of Annual Appropriations Bill, an Ordinance to adopt the 2014-15 Budget Statement.

Council Member Evans introduced the Ordinance No. 1197 for the first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1197

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.

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, 2014, through September 30, 2015. 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 15th day of September, 2014.

/s/ Roger L. Jones
Roger L. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

The ordinance was seconded by Griess. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Council Member Griess motioned to waive the three readings. Council Member Sumstine seconded the motion. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Council Member Evans motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1127 by title. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Consider Citizen Agenda item request by Wanda Cantrell concerning parking options at 517 W. 3rd Street.

Wanda Cantrell spoke in favor of a handicap or 15 minute parking spot in front of 517 W 3rd due to lack of parking in front of the residence due to the middle school and the resident's inability to access her garage. She stated that this situation is unique.

Council Member Griess motioned to create one 15 minute parking stall at 517 W 3rd Street. Seconded by Sumstine. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #11, Presentation of the Proposed Water System Improvements based on results of the Water Systems Study—Olsson Associates

Joe Baxter of Olsson Associates presented the proposed water system improvements including main replacements, fire hydrant replacements, valve replacement, water treatment plant repairs and upgrades, and future expansion growth needs. The first two phases will cost \$6.1 million; the third phase will cost an additional \$3 million. City Administrator Cederburg explained the potential funding options of a sales tax increase or water rate increase.

Agenda item #12, Consider approval of Amendment #5 to the City of Minden's employee healthcare plan.

Dennis Amstuz and City Administrator Matthew Cederburg explained the details of the proposed City of Minden's employee healthcare changes to both calendar year deductibles and calendar year out-of-pocket limits.

Council Member Griess motioned to approve Amendment #5 to the City of Minden's employee healthcare plan. Seconded by Thompson. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #13, Consider discussion and approval of City of Minden employee cost of living increase.

City Administrator Matthew Cederburg explained that a 3.0% cost of living increase was budgeted and if approved would be effective on the October 15th payroll. Council Member Griess motioned to approve the City of Minden employee cost of living increase. Seconded by Sumstine. On the roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #14, Consider approval for City to Purchase 18 inch concrete saw.

Street Superintendent Chris Klahn clarified that the saw was actually a 36 inch saw, and explained the advantages of the 36 inch vs. what the City currently has which is only 14 inches. Klahn would prefer a 36 inch concrete saw. Council Member Griess motioned to approve the purchase of a 36 inch concrete saw. Seconded by Sumstine. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #15, Adjournment

It was moved by Council Member Sumstine and seconded by Evans to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Griess, and Thompson. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Roger L. Jones
Roger L. Jones, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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