

Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
December 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 Griess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Larry Evans, Teresa Sumstine, Bob Carlson and Lathan Thompson. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, 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 Griess led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. Then Mayor Griess 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.”

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 Mayoral Appointments of:

- Laurie Haight to the Library Board replacing Jeffrey Horner with a term ending 12/31/2015
- Sue Yant to the Library Board with a term ending 12/31/2018
- Tom Lieske to the Community Redevelopment Authority with a term ending 12/31/2019
- Roy John Nelson to the Community Redevelopment Authority with a term ending 12/31/2019
- Eldon Johnson to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Rita Crooks to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Larry Lehmann to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Jim Cantrell to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Scott Sinsel to the Board of Adjustments with a term ending 12/31/2015
- Gordon Amstutz to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2017
- John Osgood to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Bart Woodward to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Rita Crooks to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Larry Lempka to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Rob Armstrong to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Joe Anderson to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2016
- Brock Emery to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2015
- Natalie Janda to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2015
- Lynda Stangl to the Park and Recreation Board with a term ending 12/31/2015

- Pat Haight to the Tree Board with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Kristi Lammers to the Tree Board with a term ending 12/31/2017
- Ed Sheen to the Airport Authority with a term ending 12/31/2020
- Brent Stewart to the Airport Authority with a term ending 12/31/2020
- Eddie Pierce as the City Health Officer with a term ending 12/31/2015
- Sonja Budd to the Housing Agency with a term ending 12/31/2019
- Bill Johnson to the Housing Agency with a term ending 12/31/2019

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

Anderson Jewelry 615.00, Baker & Taylor 257.54, Big John's Ford, Inc 69.95, Brungardt Engineering LLC 1,200.00, C. Gale 213.76, City Of Holdrege Landfill 3,574.67, Clinch Enterprises 104.43, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 2,433.56, Eakes Office Plus 584.07, Emergency Medical Products 120.81, EMS Billing 69.68, Eugene Worley Construction 2,285.42, Front Range Fire Apparatus 951.79, Total Funds By Hasler 400.00, Hawkins Water Treatment 1,830.42, Hd Supply Waterworks, Ltd 2,868.90, Intellicom Computer Consulting 1,308.50, Island Supply Welding Co 8.40, Jmgr Financial Inc 142.83, Joy's Floral & Gifts 100.00, K&K Auto Repair Inc 535.34, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 705.00, K. Olson 286.92, Landmark Implement Carquest 245.49, Lawson Products, Inc. 123.26, Lexisnexis Matthew Bender 77.15, Mason's Market 195.08, M. Cederburg 221.00, Matt Parrott & Sons 479.61, M. Darnell 9.80, Midwest Tapes 93.45, Minden Chamber Of Commerce 2,550.00, The Minden Courier 83.70, Minden Hardware 341.54, Minden Ia Rescue 600.00, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 107.86, Minden Office Supply, Inc 1,204.66, Municipal Automation & Control 231.56, Municipal Supply-Nebraska 855.40, Napa Auto Parts 177.46, NE Main Street Network Inc 500.00, NE Turf Grass Association 418.00, Nebraska Economic Developers 100.00, Nmc, Inc. 5,500.00, Nebraska Public Power District 146,570.27, NE Public Power District 17,709.19, N T & T 80.50, Ohio National Life 4,550.00, One Call Concepts Inc 11.05, Pepsi Cola Of Hastings 27.16, Protex Central Inc. 182.00, Sensus Metering Systems 3,406.21, Sleuth Software 1,453.47, Source Gas 737.58, Southern Power District 3,677.87, Stadler Implement Inc. 12.29, USA Blue Book 293.51, Verizon Wireless 451.62, Village Cleaners Inc 29.20, Wex Bank 3,815.56, Western Pathology Consult Inc 237.80, Xerox Capital Services Inc 92.38

Thompson moved to approve the consent agenda and Evans seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Consider approval for City to submit for Tree Trimming Bid and to issue Tree Trimming Letters to Residents. Per Bryan Smith’s request, agenda item #10 was moved up on the agenda.

The suggested letter to the property owner states that the City will agree to pay for 30% of the cost if the owner agrees for the City to manage the trimming by bidding the project out. City Administrator Matthew Cederburg explained that the Tree Trimming Bid is to entice the property owners to take action and take care of their nuisance trees. The City also has trees that need to be trimmed up, and will be done during this process as well.

City Mayor Griess explained that this process needs to be expedited as the nuisance trees are endangering power lines and other infrastructure critical to the City. If this issue is not taken care of quickly, then it could easily escalate and get out of hand.

The consensus was for the City to send letters to property owners with trees identified for trimming, asking for a response on the City’s trimming proposal. With a known amount of trees that need trimmed, the City can then bid the project out to receive firm prices.

Thompson moved for the approval for City to submit the Tree Trimming Bid and to issue Tree Trimming Letters to residents. Evans seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Carlson, and Thompson. Nay: Sumstine. Motion carried.

Agenda item #4, November 2014 Treasury Report. No action taken.

Agenda item #5, November 2014 Budget Report. No action taken.

Agenda item #6, Consider approval of Olsson Associates letter of agreement for Street Superintendent and on-call services.

Jeff Palik of Olsson Associates explained the agreement which was similar to last year. The agreement includes licensed street superintendent services and up to \$5,000 for on call services per year which allows the City to have Olsson's provide minor consulting services and tasks. Also, the final part allows amendments to be added when items come up that exceed the \$5,000 instead of writing a new contract.

Thompson motioned for the approval of Olsson Associates letter of agreement for Street Superintendent and on-call services. Seconded by Sumstine. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #7, Discussion of 1& 6 Year Street Plan—Olsson Associates. No action taken.

Prior to Agenda item #8, Council Member Thompson left the meeting.

Agenda item #8, Consider approval of Ladder Truck Contract of Sale for a 1996 KME 75' Aerial Quint for \$175,000 as approved per 2014-15 budget.

Fire Chief, Tom Brown, was present to answer questions about the proposed truck. Sumstine moved for the approval of Ladder Truck Contract of Sale for a 1996 KME 75' Aerial Quint for \$175,000 as approved per 2014-15 budget. Carlson seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Not present: Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #9, Consider approval to liquidate Jensen EE Bonds.

Evans moved for the approval to liquidate Jensen EE Bonds and Carlson seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Not present: Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #11, Adjournment. Evans moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm and was seconded by Sumstine. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carlson. Not present: Thompson. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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