

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
October 5, 2015
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 Council Member was absent: None. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matthew Cederburg, City Clerk Abbey Jordan. The following City Official was absent: City Attorney Tom Lieske.

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 Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Members. d. Consider Reports that are enclosed in the Council Packets for this Council Meeting. e. Consider Special Designated Liquor License for Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Terry Puls dba Speakeasy for at the Kearney County Fairgrounds for the Kearney County Medical Foundation Annual Wine, Wreaths, and Whimsy.

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 497.61, American Public Works Assoc. 180.00, Beehive Industries LLC 3600.00, Benjamin's Landscaping 662.00, Big Red Auto Glass 92.50, Burlington Northern Santa Fe 600.00, City Office Account 3199.32, City of Minden 205.00, D&M Security 55.50, Fifth Street Printing 290.30, First Bank & Trust 12646.47, Foremost Promotions 486.20, Hach Company 87.68, Hawkins Water Treatment 2521.22, Island Supply Welding 84.02, K. Benson 360.00, J. Carter 380.00, John Deere Financial 4.88, J. Quadhamer 340.00, Ke Co Treasurer B. Lynn 3333.37, Landmark Implement Carquest 237.19, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz 3487.19, Mason's Market 109.87, M. Cederburg 577.19, Minden Office Supply 876.66, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 2456.23, Minden Utility Dept. 5165.33, NE Environmental Products 138.57, NE Public Power District 18072.73, NE Statewide Arboretum 130.00, NMC, Inc. 351.58, Olsson Associates

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2693.56, Platte Valley Communications 196.09, Police Officers Assoc of NE 160.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account 25165.00, R. Young 455.00, R. Best 2.23, R. Hurst 31.02, SOS Portable Toilets Inc 60.00, Southern Power District 3301.38, Stadler Implement Inc 13665.00, T. Griess 395.42, The Minden Courier 508.70, USA Blue Book 126.21, Water Environment Fed 28.00.

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

Agenda item #5, City Proclamation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Robin Phipps from the Kearney Safe Center spoke briefly about the services that the Kearney Safe Center offers to those affected by domestic violence and announced that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Griess read the proclamation. No motion was made.

Agenda item #6, Consider approval of labyrinth proposal by the Tree Board for Minden West Estates Park.

Tree Board President, Pat Haight, presented the labyrinth project to the council. The labyrinth would be composed of different species of trees, have a path made of crushed limestone, and would be low maintenance.

Thompson motioned to approve the proposal and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion approved.

Agenda item #7, NPPD Wholesale Electric Contract Update, Ken Curry & Chris Hegert, NPPD, discussion only.

Presentation given by Ken Curry of Columbus, NE. No motion was made.

Agenda item #8, Consider approval for City to loan CRA \$400,000 for land acquisition and development at a rate of 1% from the enterprise fund reserve, a tract of land legally described as follows:

A tract of land being part of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter (E1/2 SW1/4 of Section Twelve (12), Township Six (6) North, Range Fifteen (15), west of the 6th P.M., Kearney County, Nebraska.

Further discussion of the demand for housing in Minden took place. Former CRA member, Roy John Nelson, spoke in support of the purchase of the land for development based on past experiences on the CRA and his professional construction experience. Sumstine shared a thought from a wise elderly customer who said, "I am actually getting more confident now that Minden is growing, not dying." Griess comments from past Mayor, George Piester, saying that he read about the potential purchase in the Courier and says "Get it!"

Thompson motioned to approve the City loan and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion approved.

Agenda item #9, Consider Approval of BNSF lease agreement.

Carlson motioned to approve the lease agreement and Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Consider approval for Liquid Engineering to inspect and clean the City's Water Treatment Plant Clearwell/Settling Tank at a cost of \$3200 per day.

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Utility Superintendent Ryan Hurst said it should only take two or three days, and the quote is a competitive price. It was also recommended to by Olsson Associates to move with the daily rate vs. the fixed rate. Also, the company is familiar with the City's facility as they previously cleaned the tank.

Thompson motioned to approve the inspection and cleaning, Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motioned approved.

Agenda item #11, Public Comments. Mrs. Bunger pointed out the mar in the Christmas City picture and that her son would be sending it back to the production company to get it fixed. Sumstine pointed that out while there is a lot of complaining heard by the council and mayor, the people should be complimented for keeping everyone discussing the topic and getting the information out. Glenda Blauch brought up the concern of the Danielsen well and the closeness to the new land to be purchased and development of water and sewer mains. It was discussed that the well would not be an issue as it was established prior to the installation of new mains. Evans wanted to commend the Hausermans for cleaning up their property on Highway 6.

Agenda item #12, Adjournment. Thompson motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:54 p.m. and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk