

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
December 7, 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: Teresa Sumstine, Bob Carlson, and Lathan Thompson. The following City Council members were absent: Larry Evans. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Attorney Tom Lieske, City Administrator Matthew Cederburg, City Clerk Abbey Jordan. The following City Official was absent: None.

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 east wall 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. Please state your name and address prior to commenting.”

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 a Special Designated Liquor Permit for Saturday, January 16, 2016 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 AM for David & Carolyn Bunger d.b.a. Windmill Studios at the Kearney County Fairgrounds in Minden, NE for Royal Composites holiday party, f. Consider Mayoral Appointments of: Cheryl Ryan to the Library Board for a term of 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2019, Dick McBride to the Community Development Authority for a term of 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2020, and Gary Martin to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2018.

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 69.99, Accent Wire Products 764.10, Anderson Jewelry 160.00, Beehive Industries Llc 3,600.00, Carey's Pest Control, Inc. 90.53, Charter Communications 1216.26, City Of Minden 205.00, Data Technologies Inc 10,584.40, D. Cavanaugh 223.11, Delta Glove 95.65, Dhhs Public Health Division 230.00, Ditch Witch Of Nebraska 465.98, Electric Pump 2,301.43, Fifth Street Printing 657.00, First Bank & Trust Co 12,646.47, Hawkins Water Treatment 1,676.22, Hd Supply Waterworks, Ltd 250.79, Hydro Tech Inc. 711.85, Industrial Systems Inc 22,161.50, Jim Huff 91.33, John Deere Financial 4.50, Johnstone Supply 186.00, Joy's Floral & Gifts 40.00, J. Quadhamer 340.00, Ke Co Treas Barb Lynn 3,333.33, Landmark Implement Carquest 683.11, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P C, Llo 2,101.48, Mason's Market 287.75, M. Cederburg 93.24, Minden Hardware 277.79, Minden Office Supply, Inc 358.85, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 2,086.22, Minden Utility Dept. 3704.8, Mower Medic Llc 93.88, Ne Environmental Products 5,954.43, Ne Public Health

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Environmental 404.00, Nebraska Economic Developers 100.00, Nmc, Inc. 10,880.83, Olsson Associates 9,136.60, One Call Concepts Inc 44.05, Pepsi Cola Of Hastings 82.24, Platte Valley Communications 525.62, Revenue Bond Payment Account 25,165.00, R. G. Young 455.00, Rutt's Heating/Air Condition 90.00, Sensus Metering Systems 3,508.40, Source Gas 419.77, Southern Power District 3,301.38, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc 3,720.80, The Minden Courier 297.44, United Rentals 150.00, Verizon Wireless 568.49, Village Cleaners Inc 29.78, Western Pathology Consult Inc 150.00, Wex Bank 3667.48, W. D. Simmerman 1,139.94.

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

Agenda item #8, Items 5, 6, & 7 have been moved after item #9. Consider Approval of agreement with Miller and Associates for Professional Service Consultation for the Minden Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant for \$33,000. No action taken.

Agenda item #9, Consider Approval to designate Jeff R. Palik of Olsson Associates as Minden's Licensed Street Superintendent for 2016.

Sumstine motioned to approve the designation of Jeff R. Palik as Minden's Licensed Street Superintendent for 2016 and Carlson seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #5, Second Public Hearing for the CDBG Grant 14-ED-002 benefitting Royal Engineered Composites, Inc. The public hearing was opened at 6:08 pm. Sharon Hueftle gave an overview of the CDBG Grant 14-ED-002 benefitting Royal Engineered Composites, Inc. The hearing was closed at 6:10 pm. No action was taken.

Agenda item #6, Consider Approval of payment to the South Central Economic Development District, Inc. in the amount of \$4,500.00 for grant administration services for CDBG 14-ED-002. Thompson motioned to approve the payment to SCEDD and Sumstine seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #7, Consider Approval of draw #6 for \$4,500.00; this amount will be drawn on CDBG 14-ED-002 from NE Dept. of Economic Development. Thompson motioned to approve draw #6 for \$4,500.00 and Carlson seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Consider Approval of Olsson Associates letter of agreement for Street Superintendent & Consulting Services. Carlson motioned to approve Olsson Associates letter of agreement for Street Superintendent & Consulting Services and Sumstine seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #11, Consider Citizen Agenda item request by Michael Knispel concerning Chapter 90, Vegetation, of the Municipal Code. Michael Knispel spoke of his concerns of fairness done with trimming done of trees interfering with the electrical infrastructure. Discussion ensued about Mr. Knispel's tree trimming and the trimming of his neighbor's tree, which didn't include the required paperwork that city provided. Conversation discussed the 30% discount and if an agreement had been signed by his neighbor, and the actions of NPPD on both trees. No action taken.

Agenda item #12, Consider approval of NPPD Wholesale 20 year contract.

Ken Curry, NPPD, gave a brief overview of the contract options. Option A includes performance based requirements and the ability to reduce City wholesale purchases with NPPD if NPPD's average wholesale cost exceeds the 45th CFC

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percentile. Option B allows the City, at a 3% premium above option A, to reduce their load down to 50% without penalty at anytime.

Thompson motioned to approve NPPD Wholesale 20 year contract Option A and Sumstine seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #13, Consider approval of \$100 Appreciation Chamber Bucks per employee. Thompson motioned to approve \$100 Appreciation Chamber Bucks per employee and Carlson seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #14, Closed Session—personnel.

Thompson motioned to enter closed session at 6:48 pm and Carlson seconded the motion. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Carlson motioned to exit closed session at 7:07 pm and Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #15, Public Comments.

Michael Knispel stated that the City Council does not take full account of what people do for the City. He also felt that the City was responsible for his bent electrical conduit.

Deb Crawford was curious if the trimming of a tree on her property is the responsibility of the City or of her. Cederburg responded by saying that all trees on City right-of way, abutting her property, is the homeowner's responsibility even if they are in the City's right-of-way.

Glenda Blauch expressed concern about the amount of time given by the City to the residents to take care of their tree trimming obligations. Cederburg responded by saying that the City will work with them within reason if they have made an attempt to contact an arborist.

Sumstine responded to Michael Knispel by saying the Council does appreciate his service and appreciates his coming to speak at the meeting.

Agenda item #16, Adjournment. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m. and Sumstine seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk