

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
January 19, 2016
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, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. The following City Officials were 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."

Agenda item #3: Mayoral announcements. Mayor Griess commended Cederburg for serving on the NPPD rate review committee and congratulated Fire Chief, Tom Brown, on his re-election. Griess then received a letter from Planning and Zoning Commission member, Gary Martin.

Dear Ted:

I read in Minden Courier that you reappointed Roy Nelson to the Planning and Zoning Commission and that his reappointment was not approved by a majority of the City Council. My surprise and disappointment cannot be overstated.

Had you decided not to reappoint Roy or if Roy had decided not to accept reappointment I would understand. For the Council to block his reappointment I do not understand.

With due respect to the other members of the Commission, it is my belief that Roy Nelson was the most dedicated, knowledgeable and hard working member of the Commission. His experience in construction and his service on other boards and commissions made him invaluable to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

I do not know the reasoning of the council members who voted against the appointment you made. It is their right and duty to vote as they believe is in the best interests of the City of Minden.

That being said, the vote appeared to me to be petty and vengeful, and in one instance a chance to get even. Perhaps a misuse of the spirit of public service.

It also weighs on me that the Planning and Zoning Commission spent many hours over several years to update the Planning and Zoning Regulations. The updated regulations were submitted to the council and, as far as I know, no positive action has been taken. Not even returning the regulations to Commission with suggestions or modifications.

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Although the mayor appoints the members of the Commission with the consent of the council, our duty is to make recommendations directly to the council. The council's action to in effect remove the most valued member of the Commission is unacceptable to me. I feel my time and energy can be better spent than making recommendations to this council.

I hereby submit my resignation effective when my replacement meets the standards of the council or March 1, 2016, whichever first occurs.

Respectfully, Gary L. Martin

Agenda item #4, 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 Approval of Fire Chief, Tom Brown, f. Consider Mayoral Appointments

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. Eschliman 225.85, Amazon 277.92, Baker & Taylor 268.93, Biblionix 2500.00, Big John's Ford, Inc 104.39, The Big Rack Shack 760.00, Cenage/Gale 323.57, Charter Communications 1232.45, City Of Holdrege Landfill 4639.29, Clinch Enterprises 84.74, Construction Rental, Inc. 168.77, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 4016.22, Demco 83.48, D. Ehlers 400.00, Dutton Lainson Co 267.84, Ed Roehr Safety Products 636.91, E. Pierce 400.00, Emergency Medical Products 568.60, Ems Billing 773.56, Excel Development Group 2400.00, Fifth Street Printing 528.70, Firematic Supply Co Inc 1356.00, Follett Software Co. 333.33, Hach Company 122.69, The Hastings Tribune 112.00, Intellicom Computer Consulting 743.00, Island Supply Welding Co 8.68, J. Hill 14.87, K. Labenz 14.00, K. Chavez 84.60, Ke Co Court 17.00, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 44.50, J. Benson 180.00, K. Olson 126.43, Landmark Implement Carquest 438.46, Lexisnexis Matthew Bender 182.85, The Library Store 366.63, Mason's Market 3484.00, M. Lahowetz 25.00, Menards Of Kearney 179.96, Mid Iowa Solid Waste Equipment 404.59, Midwest Connect 270.00, Midwest Tapes 124.96, Midwest Workwear 1282.50, Miller Body Shop Inc. 476.00, The Minden Courier 53.26, Minden Hardware 646.30, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 131.12, Minden Machine Shop Inc 82.50, Minden Office Supply, Inc 624.36, Napa Auto Parts 66.19, Ncma 430.00, Nebraska Library Commission 111.90, Northern Tool Bluetarp 980.42, Nebraska Public Power District 148304.43, Ne Public Power District 17105.69, N T & T 81.19, Olsson Associates 11920.08, Oriental Trading 112.66, L. T. Pedley Drug 158.16, R. Layton 369.59, R. Johnson 70.00, Source Gas 1197.41, Southern Power District 27.10, Stadler Implement Inc. 11.50, Suburban Fire District #1 260.00, Tg Technical Services 232.43, Verizon Wireless 572.39, Wex Bank 2725.81, Western Pathology Consult Inc 133.50, Xerox Capital Services Inc 56.16.

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

Agenda item #5, National Mentoring Month Proclamation. Mayor Ted Griess read the following proclamation:

Whereas, The future of Minden and the state of Nebraska lies with our youth, and educated , persistent, and supported children will give rise to a stronger community, state , and nation; and

Whereas, All youth face challenges, though they may occur at different times and be of different magnitudes, that threaten their current and future well-being; and

Whereas, The support and encouragement of caring, consistent Team Mates mentors is an effective means by which to provide the guidance young people need to successfully navigate adverse circumstances and reach their full potential; and

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Whereas, Many young people in this city and surrounding area desire to have a Team Mates mentor and there are not currently enough volunteers to provide a mentor to those youth; and

Whereas, The establishment of National Mentoring Month will emphasize the importance of mentoring and recognize with praise and gratitude the many citizens of Minden already involved in mentoring through the Team Mates Mentoring Program; and

Whereas, National Mentoring Month will above all encourage more people to volunteer as Team Mate mentors to the benefit of youth in Minden and throughout the State of Nebraska.

Now, Therefore, I, Ted Griess, Mayor of Minden DO HEREBY PROCLAIM January, 2016, as **NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH** in Minden and I hereby call upon citizens of Minden and interested groups to observe the month with appropriate ceremonies and activities to promote awareness of and volunteer involvement in the Team Mates Mentoring Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of January, Two Thousand Sixteen.

Agenda item #6, Treasury report December 2015. No action taken.

Agenda item #7, Budget report December 2015. No action taken.

Agenda item #8, Discussion only of the Street 1 and 6 year plan. Street Superintendent, Chris Klahn, discussed the recommended additions he had for the 1 and 6 year plan mostly consisting of drainage concerns. Ed Sheen of 141 West 7th, mentioned that he had filed a street improvement petition several years ago, but the project was not completed. Craig Lupkes, owner of 603 North Tower, stated that water travels down Tower due to a low spot and then ends up in his lot. His concern is that amount of gravel and dirt ending up in his yard. Street Superintendent Klahn stated that primary reason for the drainage issue was due to the building of homes in the natural flow of water, but would look into alternative solutions. No action was taken.

Agenda item #9, Consider approval of Olsson Associates Amendment #1 not to exceed \$7,100 for drainage and survey of Brewster Street from Brown Avenue to Minden Avenue and the intersection of 6th Street and Tower Avenue. Sumstine motioned to approve Olsson Associates Amendment #1 and Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Public Comments, None. Griess stated that the February 16th meeting himself and at least one other council member will be unable to attend. The discussion ended with the decision to hold the second meeting of February on Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00 pm.

Agenda item #11, Adjournment. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 pm 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