

# City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting  
City of Minden, Nebraska  
February 1, 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: Larry Evans, Teresa Sumstine, Bob Carlson, and Lathan Thompson. The following City Officials were present: Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matthew Cederburg, and City Clerk Abbey Jordan. The following City Officials were 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 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 extended a public thank you to Ryan Hurst, Chris Klahn, Matt Cederburg and the city crew who helped with the main water break at St. Clair and Nance on Sunday evening. Mayor Griess also thanked Kevin Krull for volunteering to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**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 a Special Designated Liquor Permit for Friday, March 18, 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 the Chamber's event "Blue Jeans and BBQ", f. Consider a Special Designated Liquor Permit for Wednesday, February 24, 2016 from 4:30 PM to 11:00 PM for Bubba Daves LLC d.b.a. Clint's Tavern at the Kearney County Fairgrounds in Minden, NE for the Gary Thompson Agency customer appreciation event.

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 120.00, Awwa Customer Service 134.45, Builders Warehouse 239.98, City Of Minden 45.00, City Office Account 3420.08, D J Gongol & Asso. Inc 1198.69, Data Technologies Inc 342.21, Dhhs Public Health Division 115.00, Embassy Suites 281.00, Fireprograms 1485.00, First Bank & Trust Co 12646.47, Hawkins Water Treatment 2299.22, Hd Supply Waterworks, Ltd 335.01, J. Sinsel 235.00, John Deere Financial 45.07, Ke County Econ Develop

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Agency 1579.00, Ke Co Treas Barb Lynn 3333.33, Keep Nebr. Beautiful 50.00, League Of Nebr. Municipalities 371.00, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P C, Llo 1916.66, M. Cederburg 638.05, M. Lahowetz 36.00, The Minden Courier 217.76, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 2074.62, Minden Utility Dept. 4775.04, Nebraska Rural Water Assoc. 375.00, Ne Water Resources Assoc 105.00, Nmc, Inc. 481.59, Ne Public Health Environmental 48.00, Penguin Management 774.00, Platte Valley Communications 2620.35, Revenue Bond Payment Account 25165.00, R. Young 455.00, R. Hurst 72.61, Southern Power District 3301.38, Usa Blue Book 71.07, Witmer Associates Inc. 621.56.

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

The Mayor elected to move Item #10 to the beginning of the agenda per our Street Superintendent's request.

**Agenda item #10**, Public Hearing, One and Six Year Street Plan, Resolution #1649. The public hearing was opened at 6:14pm. Jeff Palik of Olsson Associates spoke via speaker phone due to weather conditions. He reviewed each item on the one and six year plan. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition of the plan. The public hearing was closed at 6:41pm.

Sumstine motioned to approve Resolution #1649. Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

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

## PROBLEM GAMBLING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, our community is home to individuals and families adversely affected by problem gambling; and

WHEREAS, compulsive gambling is often hidden from family members, social services and mental health professionals; and

WHEREAS, compulsive gambling often occurs in combination with other disorders such as chemical dependency and depression; and

WHEREAS, it is important to raise awareness of the warning signs of compulsive gamblers and connect them with professional help.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Griess, Mayor of Minden, Nebraska, do hereby proclaim March, 2016, as "**Problem Gambling Awareness Month**" and urge citizens to learn more about the consequences of problem gambling.

**Agenda item #6**, Consider Chamber of Commerce request of \$5,000 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks display. Kevin Krull, with the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the Chamber requests the City to co-sponsor the fireworks display again this year. Evans motioned to approve the request. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, and Carson, the following voted Nay: Thompson. Motion carried.

**Agenda item #7**, Presentation of Jensen Memorial Library Annual Report by Library Director, Janene Hill. Director Hill highlighted the important items in the Library's Annual Report, the Strategic Plan, and the Technology Plan that she provided to the City Council

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**Agenda item #8**, Presentation of Fire Department Annual Report by Fire Chief, Tom Brown. Chief Brown reviewed call volumes, call types, and the department's equipment as well as the budget.

**Agenda item #9**, Consider recommendation from the City-Rural Fire Board to purchase a Command Vehicle and necessary equipment for approximately \$46,836. Sumstine motioned to approve the purchase of a Command Vehicle and necessary equipment. Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

**Agenda item #11**, Consider Approval of agreement with Miller and Associates for Professional Service Consultation for the Minden Downtown Revitalization Planning Grant for \$33,000. Evans motioned to approve the agreement. Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson.

**Agenda item #12**, Update of 2015 Tree Trimming List, Bryan Smith, NPPD. Mr. Smith reviewed the 2015 trees that still need to be trimmed. No action taken.

**Agenda item #13**, Consider Approval of the Proposed Notification of Trees Interfering with the City's Power Lines and Trimming/Removal Discount Program. This program would give a 30% discount for tree trimming or removal. Carlson motioned to approve the program and notification process. Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson.

**Agenda item #14**, Public Comments, None.

**Agenda item #15**, Adjournment. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 pm and Evans 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