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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
April 04, 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 Ted Griess called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following City Council members were present: Larry Evans, Bob Carlson, and Lathan Thompson. The following City Council members were absent: Teresa Sumstine. 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 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 the entire Minden Volunteer Fire Department for their 125th Celebration and encouraged everyone to extend a thank you to the firefighters for everything they do. Tree Board President, Pat Haight, will be in Lincoln, Nebraska on April 5th accepting Minden's Tree City USA Award for the 26th year in a row. Mayor Griess extended a thank you to Pat Haight and his fellow board members for all their hard work. Mayor Griess stated that he will be accepting the Nebraska Community Forestry Educator Award in Lincoln as well.

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 and 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.

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 97.03, Bnsf Railway Co. 86.95, J. Carter 199.20, City Of Minden 45.00, First Bank & Trust Co 12,646.47, Jameson Sandblasting & Painting 1,500.00, John Deere Financial 143.65, Ke Co Health Payment Cntr 90.00, Ke Co Treas Barb Lynn 3,333.33, K. Benson 855.00, Krull Agency Of Minden, Inc. 105,428.00, Lieske, Lieske & Ensz P C, Llo 3,196.75, Liquid Engineering Corporation 16,000.00, Mason's Market 106.52, Storey Kenworthy 243.38, M. Darnell 22.58, Miller Body Shop Inc. 1,382.90, Minden Office Supply, Inc 1,040.37, Minden Rural Fire Dept. 4,350.56, Minden Utility Dept. 3,779.00, Morton Building 23,910.00, NCEA 1,000.00, Ne Environmental Products 1,986.25, Ne Water Environment Assoc 100.00, Northern Safety Co. 136.06, Ne Public Health Environmental 48.00, Olsson Associates 10,435.32, Philip Carkoski Construction 2,240.00, R. Stahly 500.00, Revenue Bond Payment Account 25,165.00, R. Young 455.00, South Platte United Chambers 175.00, Southern Power District 3,063.14, Michael Raffaeli 119.17, Usa Blue Book 1,289.00, Verizon Wireless 460.20, Wilson Automotive 544.36.

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

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Agenda item #5, Presentation of Audit Report for Fiscal Year 2015 (Oct 2014 through Sept 2015), Dana F Cole and Company. Presented by Karen Labenz. Overall, the City had an excellent Audit Report. Labenz stated that the city records were very organized and the city staff was very helpful. No action taken.

Agenda item #6, Consider approval of Ordinance repealing Section 10-39, Pit bull dogs, from the Municipal Code of Minden.

Chief James Huff wants to repeal the Ordinance due to it being too difficult and expensive to prove a dog is a pit bull. Currently, the police department uses the vicious dog section of the code. Mayor Griess read the concerns that Sumstine had provided him. Sumstine would like to see stricter safeguards such as handler training requirements, proof of dog training, and proof of homeowner's insurance that covers the dog too. Mayor Griess was concerned about increased liability if a citizen is injured by a pit bull if the ordinance is repealed. Griess also would like to see the burden of proof to be with the owner when proving if the dog(s) in question is a pit bull or not. Evans recommended greatly increasing the fines to discourage ownership of vicious dogs. Carlson wants to repeal the ordinance or add more breeds to it as there are several other breeds that can cause harm. Thompson agreed with Carlson that a dog is vicious based on its upbringing and not its breed. No action taken.

Agenda item #7, Discussion of loud outside noises including live entertainment.

Chief Huff brought this item to council as there continues to be an annual live music event at a residence in town and is fearful that others may want to have similar events. The event causes many complaints each year, however there are also many downtown events with live music including the pageants and the Chamber's street dance. No action taken.

Agenda item #8, Public Comments: Carolyn Bunger of 521 N. Colorado Minden, NE 68959 highlighted that some insurance companies charge more for homeowners insurance to their customers who own vicious dog breeds.

Agenda item #9, Adjournment. Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm and Evans seconded. On roll call the following voted Aye: Evans, Carlson, and Thompson. Meeting adjourned.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk