

City of Minden

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Minutes of Council Meeting
City of Minden, Nebraska
September 19, 2016
6:00 p.m.

The City Council of the City of Minden, Nebraska, met on this day at 6:00 p.m. for the 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: City Attorney Tom Lieske, Mayor Ted Griess, City Administrator Matthew Cederburg and City Clerk Abbey Jordan.

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 thanked Brandon Reeh for joining the fire department. He also welcomed and thanked new police officer, Nickolas Hansen for joining Minden's police department. Griess welcomed Mr. Martin's government class. The final announcement was that the BNSF Railroad Crossing on Brown Avenue will be closed Wednesday, September 21st at 6 a.m. and reopen Thursday, September 22nd at 4 p.m.

Agenda item #4, The following items were listed under the agenda item "**consent agenda**" for this meeting: a. Consider the Approval of Minutes of Previous City Council Meetings, b. Consider Approval of Bills & Claims for this Council Meeting, c. Consider Acceptance of Excused Absence of Mayor or Council Member(s), d. Consider Reports that are Enclosed in the Council Packets for This Council Meeting, e. Consider Approval of Volunteer Firefighter, Brandon Reeh.

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 210.28, Amazon 849.85, Baker & Taylor 871.54, Barco Municipal Products, Inc. 1308.33, Benjamin's Landscaping 4500.00, Big John's Ford, Inc 721.17, Bill's Plumbing & Htg. Inc 388.22, Cenage/Gale 38.92, Central Hydr. Sys. & Eq. Co. 171.30, Charter Communications 1284.03, City Of Holdrege Landfill 5226.87, Construction Rental, Inc. 625.00, Cooperative Producers, Inc. 366.22, C. Majerus 45.00, Demco 2122.78, Deterding Classic Pool/Spa 19.79, Diamond Vogel Paints Inc 1171.30, Electric Pump 2543.67, Elliott Equipment Co. 2750.00, Ems Billing 361.76, Fifth Street Printing 12.00, First Bank & Trust Co 50.00, Fyr-Tek, Inc. 115.00, Hawkins Water Treatment 2194.71, Island Supply Welding Co 8.68, J. Hill 162.73, Joy's Floral & Gifts 90.00, K. Benson 390.00, The Library Store 341.00, L. Breight 21.81, L. Stangl 40.34, Mailfinance 825.00, Matheson Tri-Gas Inc 162.97, M. Cederburg 85.16, Midwest Tapes 54.96, Minden Hardware 494.29, Minden Lumber & Concrete Co. 2146.73, Minden Office Supply, Inc 93.48, Mower Medic Llc 585.06, Municipal Supply-Nebraska 817.86, Napa Auto Parts 20.49, Ne Secretary Of State-Notary 30.00, Nebraska Public Power District 202107.36, Ne Public Power District 17571.18, N T & T 81.19, Olsson Associates 10343.25, Oriental Trading 291.50, L. T. Pedley Drug 175.62, Pepsi Cola Of Hastings 137.06, Presto X Co. 60.00, Rose Equipment Inc. 173540.00, Rutjens Construction 793576.80, Source Gas 37.20, Southern Power District 20.42, Sunbelt Rentals, Inc 57.60, UI Llc 671.05, Wex Bank 7330.91, Xerox Capital Services Inc 200.24.

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

Agenda item #5, Introduction of Hospital CEO, Luke Poore.

Luke Poore, Hospital CEO, took the opportunity to introduce himself to the City Council and Mayor. He stated the transition has been very smooth and he's proud to be part of such a great hospital and community. No action taken.

Agenda item #6, Treasury Report, August 2016.

Cederburg reviewed the state of the City's treasury. No action taken.

Agenda item #7, Budget Report, August 2016.

Cederburg reviewed the status of the City's budget after 11 months of expenses and revenue. He stated that property and real taxes have been received in September and will be reflected in the next month's budget report. No action taken.

Agenda item #8, Budget Update 2016-17.

Cederburg reviewed the final budget including the capital items/projects that were encompassed in the budget figures. No action was taken.

Agenda item #9, Consider Approval of NPPD's Fiscal Year 2016-17 O&M Budget of \$205,000 and Capital Improvement Budget of \$350,000.

Motion to approve the NPPD Fiscal Year 2016-17 O&M Budget of \$205,000 and Capital Improvement Budget of \$350,000 was made by Thompson, seconded by Evans. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine, Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda item #10, Public Hearing to Consider Fiscal Year 2016-17 City Budget. A. Consider Approval to Increase the Total Restricted Funds Authority by an Additional 1%. B. Consider Approval of the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Budget as Proposed.

Lieske opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition. The hearing was closed at 6:31 p.m. Evans motioned to Increase the Total Restricted Funds Authority by an Additional 1%. Sumstine seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Sumstine motioned to approve the 2016-17 Budget as proposed and Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #11, Public Hearing to Consider Setting the Final Property Tax Request at a Different Amount than the Prior Year Tax Request. A. Consider Approval of Resolution for Property Tax Request.

Lieske opened the public hearing at 6:33 p.m. No one spoke in favor or against. The hearing was closed at 6:33 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 1657

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST FOR 2016-2017

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the City of Minden passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

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WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Minden that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Minden, by a majority vote, resolves that:

The 2016-2017 property tax request be set at \$779,658.00 for the General Fund and \$246,150.00 for the Bond Fund for a total Tax Request of \$1,025,808.00. A copy of this resolution is to be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2016.

The passage of said Resolution having been consented to by a majority of the members of the City Council, the Mayor declared the Resolution passed and adopted, this 19th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

Thompson motioned to adopt Resolution No. 1657 and Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #12, Consider Approval of Annual Appropriations Bill, an Ordinance to Adopt the 2016-17 Budget Statement.

Evans introduced Ordinance No. 1213 for its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 1213

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUDGET STATEMENT TO BE TERMED THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION BILL; TO APPROPRIATE SUMS FOR NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. That after complying with all procedures required by law, the budget presented and set forth in the budget statement is hereby approved as the Annual Appropriation Bill for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2016, through September 30, 2017. All sums of money contained in the budget statement are hereby appropriated for the necessary expenses and liabilities of the City of Minden. A copy of the budget document shall be forwarded as provided by law to the Auditor of Public Accounts, State Capital, Lincoln, Nebraska and the County Clerk of Kearney County, Nebraska, for use by the levying authority.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and adopted this 19th day of September, 2016.

/s/ Ted Griess
Ted Griess, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Abbey Jordan
Abbey Jordan, City Clerk

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The motion was seconded by Thompson. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Thompson motioned to suspend the three readings and Carlson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Evans motioned to adopt Ordinance No. 1210 by title. Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #13, Consider Approval of Resolution Creating a Sinking Fund for Fire Hall and City Hall.

Lieske stated that per Nebraska State Statutes 19-302, 19-303, and 19-304 establishing a sinking fund requires a vote of the public. Cederburg instead hopes to set aside funds for these items without specifically earmarking them in a sinking fund. No action taken.

Agenda Item #14, Consider Approval of Resolution Creating a Sinking Fund for a new Swimming Pool and Ballfield Complex. No action taken.

Agenda Item #15, Consider Approval of Resolution Creating a Sinking Fund for Parks Playground Equipment. No action taken.

Agenda Item #16, Closed Session, Strategy.

Sumstine motioned to enter closed session at 6:41 p.m. Thompson seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Thompson motioned to exit closed session and enter open session at 6:59 p.m. Evans seconded. On roll call, the following voted Aye: Evans, Sumstine Carlson, and Thompson. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #17, Public Comments. No public comments were made.

Agenda Item #18, Adjournment. Evans motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and Sumstine 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

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