

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2016.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Tommy Davis, Wayne Edwards, Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert, Vincen Bradford, Mike Toland and Benny Gray. Absent: None.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Mike Toland and Wayne Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tommy Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on December 7, 2015.

Councilman Benny Gray was unanimously elected as Mayor Pro Tempore for the City of Minden for the year 2016 by motion of Mike Toland and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford.

Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert moved to accept the action of the Personnel Committee and confirm Donald Brice as a Police Officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Mike Toland and carried unanimously.

The following action was taken regarding condemned properties:

Ernie Thornton White 716 Clay Street Minden, LA 71055	Lot #1, 2, & 3, Blk. "4", South Highland Addn. & strip 7.50 x 153.75 ft. adj. in NW/4 of SW/4 Sec. 27-19-9 (formerly an alley) & Lots #1, 2 & 3, Blk. "O", J. M. Brown Addn. & strip 10 x 167.6 ft. adj. in NW4 of SW/4 Sec. 27-19-9 (formerly an alley), less that portion sold to Dept. of Hwys.
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Mrs. Janice Alexander, daughter of the deceased property owner, addressed the council and requested 90 days in which to demolish the structure. Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert moved to authorize the Mayor to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 90 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Mike Toland and carried unanimously.

Vincen Bradford moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1068, Annexation of Property, annexing that certain city property more fully described in Ordinance No. 1068, into the corporate limits of the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and carried unanimously. (Garner property located at Weston Street)

Mike Toland moved to authorize the Mayor to negotiate, enter into and sign a contract with AquaMetric/Sensus for the installation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System (AMI) with financing through Government Capital Corporation. Wayne Edwards suggested amending the motion to add “contingent upon financial parameters approved by the City Council”. Mr. Toland restated the motion moving to authorize the Mayor to negotiate, enter into and sign a contract with AquaMetric/Sensus for the installation of an Advanced Metering Infrastructure System (AMI) with financing through Government Capital Corporation contingent upon financial parameters approved by the City Council. The motion was duly seconded by Benny Gray and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert, Mike Toland and Benny Gray. Nays: Vincen Bradford. The motion carried.

No action was taken on Item (G): Resolution regarding a Lease Agreement for the Purpose of Procuring a Water/Electric Meter Project. The council requested a City Council Workshop on this matter.

Upon motion by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution showing support of a Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) FY 2015-2016 Application, and if awarded, granting the Mayor authority to execute the contract and any other paperwork, as needed, with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development Division of Administration, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Mike Toland and duly seconded by Benny Gray, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Minden Airport, as presented. (State Project No. H.012285-Obstruction Removal-Phase IV-Construction of Fuel Facility) Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Police Report for December of 2015 was unanimously approved, as presented, by motion of Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and duly seconded by Mike Toland.

Council comments were heard, there were no public comments, and the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk