

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016.**

The Minden City Council met in Regular Session at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 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 prayer was offered by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and Mike Toland led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Tommy Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing on the proposed 2016/2017 Budget for the City of Minden. An invitation was extended to the audience for comments and/or questions on the proposed budget. With no comments offered, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed and the Regular Session convened.

Upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on Monday, August 1, 2016, as presented.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert moved to approve the promotions of Officers Brandon Curry, Mitchell Hackett, Terry Stephens and Tina Douglas to the rank of Officer First Class. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert, the council unanimously approved the final plat for the division of property belonging to Omeria Peters located at 903 Pine Street, as presented.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Benny Gray, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1074, An Ordinance Levying Taxes of 5.63 Mills as General Alimony Tax on all Taxable Property located in the City of Minden, Louisiana. Those Taxable Properties designated as a part of the Minden Downtown Development District will be Assessed with an Additional 2.04 Mills, making a total of 7.67 Mills on those properties located in said District, as presented.

Benny Gray moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1075, An Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Chapter 90, Utilities, Article IV, Rates and Charges, Section 90-144, Sewer Service Charge Within the City and Section 90-146, Sewer Service Charge Outside the

City, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Mike Toland and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Mike Toland, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1076 to Declare Certain City Property as Surplus and to Fix the Terms of Sale, as presented. (City property located at Sheppard Street)

Mike Toland moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden 2016/2017 Budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Benny Gray and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Mike Toland and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, 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, identified as State Project No. H.012513 – Stationary Type Emergency Generator – Phase 2, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The council unanimously adopted a Resolution Adopting the Webster Parish Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016, as presented, by motion of Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

A Resolution in Support of “CC Ready”, a Component of Project Reclaim of Minden, Inc. was unanimously adopted by motion of Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

The Amendment to the 2015/2016 budget was unanimously approved as presented, by motion of Wayne Edwards and duly seconded by Mike Toland.

Mike Toland moved to approve the engagement of Wise, Martin and Cole to conduct our annual audit for the fiscal year of 2015/2016. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Mike Toland moved to grant the request of the Krewe of Ambassadeurs to authorize the Mayor to sign a special permit application in order to serve and sell beer on Saturday, November 19, 2016, for the 2016 Fasching Festival. The motion was duly seconded by Wayne Edwards and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards,

Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert and Mike Toland. Nays: Vincen Bradford and Benny Gray.
The motion carried.

The council voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the Mayor to negotiate, enter into and sign a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management for the lease of certain city vehicles, upon motion by Benny Gray and duly seconded by Mike Toland.

Upon motion by Mike Toland and duly seconded by Wayne Edwards, the council voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for Request for Qualifications for Engineering Consulting Services for Minden Airport projects, as presented.

The Police Report for August of 2016 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Fayrine A. Kennon-Gilbert.

The Mayor and Council recognized the 2016 Louisiana Dixie Softball Angels State Champions and the 2016 Louisiana Dixie Youth State "O" Zone 11 Year Old Champions who also won the 2016 World Series Dixie Youth "O" Zone 11 Year Old Championship. The Mayor and Council also recognized the Minden Nationals Dixie Youth Pitching Machine; Dixie Youth AAA; Dixie Youth 12's and the Minden Dixie Softball SweeTees; Darlings; Ponytails and Belles, who also won District and advanced to the State Tournament. The audience was invited to a reception following the council meeting in the Civic Center.

Public comments were heard, council comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned.

Tommy Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk