

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 6, 2023**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absent: None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote. Prayer was offered by Carlton Myles and Levon Thomas led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on January 3, 2022, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to approve the appointments of William Michael “Mike” Dick, Alicia Watson Adams, Leslie Rainer, Melanie McCullough, Logan McConathy, Charlotte Jones, Elizabeth Hollingsworth, and Jodie Martin to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission to fill the expired terms, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to approve the appointments of Kim Landaiche, Shawn Hatcher, and Tiffany Washington-Johnson to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the expired or vacant terms, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously appointed Shelia Phenix and Sharon Davis to the Board of the Housing Authority of the City of Minden, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the revisions to the City of Minden Employee Manual and make adoption of the new City of Minden Employee Manual effective February 9, 2023, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously confirmed Anthony Crittenden and Cadyn O’Connor as full-time

police officers in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests.

Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Policer Officer First Class Reece Tewell and Minden Policer Officer First Class Christopher Cayer to the rank of Sergeant, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2022-2023 Street Improvements Project. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize to advertise for bids for the FY 2022 LCDBG Sewer Rehabilitation Project, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution that Adopts a Language Access Plan (LAP) for Limited English Proficiency Persons as Required to Receive LCDBG and Any Other Federal Funding, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Nick Cox to enter into a contract to retain the services of Neil Erwin, Attorney at Law, to serve as “outside counsel” for the City of Minden and to represent the City in matters pertaining to land use, zoning, employment, and other legal matters as may become necessary under the supervision of the City Attorney, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2022/2023 Budget, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of December 2022. No motion was required.

The police report for December of 2022 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and second by Carlton Myles.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk