

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MARCH 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 Michael Roy and Andy Pendergrass led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the City Council Regular Session held on February 6, 2022, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to appoint of Tyler Wallace as Director of Public Works for the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to appoint Zita Williams as Director of Parks and Recreation for the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council appointed Brian Williams as Chief of the Fire Department for the City of Minden. Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): Levon Thomas.

Andy Pendergrass moved to approve the appointment of Sarah Overall to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously awarded Bid No. 01-2023, 2022-2023 Street Improvements Project, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Benton and Brown, LLC. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Helen J. Drake Estate
c/o Charles Minifield
Post Office Box 1398

422 East Union Street
Lot Fronting 100 ft. on Union
Street Out of Lot #2, Warsaw

Minden, Louisiana 71058

Addn. in NW/4 of NE/4 Sec.
27-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox 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 30 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1132 – An Ordinance to Abandon the West 14-Foot by 50-Foot Section of the Alley Running from Elm Street to Center Street in Block 5 of Goode Annex, 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 Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1133 – An Ordinance to Abandon the 50-Foot Undeveloped Street Right-of-Way with Cul-de-Sac Running Alongside Lots 2-6 of the Drake Subdivision #3 with Reservation of Utility Servitude, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1134 – An Ordinance to Amend and Re-enact Chapter 26 – Businesses, Article II. – Occupational License Taxes, Division 5. – Mobile Food Vendors of the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana retroactively on January 1, 2023, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Nick Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and the Junior Service League of Minden, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Nick Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt the change to the speed limit of Country Club Circle to 25 mph, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of January 2023. No motion was required.

The police report for the month of January 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and second by Carlton Myles.

Shawn Hatcher, Chairman of the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission, presented the Minden Fasching Parade awards.

Mayor Cox and the Minden City Council recognized Team Power of GYM 4:13 for its achievement in being named Division National Champions by the National Cheerleaders Association on February 24, 2023.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk