

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022.

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Wayne Edwards, Vincen Bradford, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Vacancy: Office of the Mayor. City Attorney Jimbo Yocom addressed the council to the fact that there is currently no duly appointed Mayor Pro Tem for the year 2022 and considering both the office of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem are vacant, the council will need to appoint a representative among themselves to chair this meeting. City Attorney Yocom also requested that the printed agenda be amended to add: Elect a Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of the Year 2022; Adopt a Resolution giving the 2022 Mayor Pro Tem signatory power; and Appoint an interim Mayor to serve for the remainder of the present term. Michael Roy moved to appoint Councilman Wayne Edwards to chair this meeting. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously. City Attorney Jimbo Yocom turned the meeting over to Councilman Wayne Edwards.

Councilman Wayne Edwards called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the council meeting. Prayer was offered by Pam Bloxom and Wayne Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Councilman Wayne Edwards allowed council comments concerning each agenda item prior to each vote.

Pam Bloxom moved to amend the printed agenda to add: Elect a Mayor Pro Tem for the remainder of Year 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add: Adopt a Resolution giving the 2022 Mayor Pro Tem Signatory Power. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Pam Bloxom moved to amend the printed agenda to add: Appoint Tommy Davis as Interim Mayor to serve for the remainder of the present term. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Wayne Edwards and Vincen Bradford. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Abstain: None. The motion failed for lack of a unanimous vote required in order to amend the printed agenda.

Vincen Bradford moved to elect Wayne Edwards, Council Representative for District A, as Mayor Pro Tempore for the remainder of the Year 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Wayne Edwards as Mayor Pro Tem, Michael Fluhr as Acting City Clerk/Tax Officio and Terika Williams-Walker, Council Representative, to sign checks drawn by this municipal corporation on any financial institution in custody of City of Minden funds, effective upon adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Pam Bloxom and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council adopted the minutes of Council Regular Session held on June 6, 2022, as presented, by the following vote: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

The following action was taken regarding condemned properties:

Dianna Nicole Jones
998 Germantown Road
Minden, LA 71055

901 Park Highway – District D
Lot #10, E/2 of Lot #11, W/2 of Lot #11, &
Lot #12, Blk. “8” Goode Annex, strip 7 x
150 ft. (Adj.) (formerly an alley) in NW/4
of NE/4 Sec. 22-19-9 & strip fronting 24 ft.
on Park Hwy. x 150 ft. (adj. Lots #10, 11 &
12 Blk. “8”) (Formerly an alley) in NW/4 of
NE/4 Sec. 22-19-9

With no one present representing the property owner at the time this item was heard, Michael Roy 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 30 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Wayne Edwards, Michael Roy and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Vincen Bradford. Absent: Terika Williams-Walker. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Building Official Brent Cooley and Mayor Terry L. Gardner, Michael Roy moved to reappoint Ms. Joean McWoodson to the Minden Planning Commission, whose term will expire July of 2027. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and carried unanimously.

Vincen Bradford moved to adopt a Resolution reappointing Gary Moreland as Director and Tyler Wallace as Alternate Director on the Board of Directors of Louisiana Energy and Power Authority (“LEPA”), whose terms will expire in July, 2027, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing Michael Fluhr as Acting City Clerk/Tax Officio and Terika Williams-Walker, Council Representative, to sign checks drawn by this municipal corporation on any financial institution in custody of City of Minden funds, Effective upon adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. Said resolution

is attached to and made a part of these minutes. (removes Mayor Terry L. Gardner and Heather Feedback)

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between Minden Economic Development District No. 1, State of Louisiana, and McClung's Service Station, Inc. relating to the Collection, Use and Expenditure of Certain Sales Tax Increment Revenues Collected in said Minden Economic Development District No. 1, and Providing for other Matters in Connection Therewith, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Upon motion by Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Pam Bloxom, the council voted unanimously in favor of adopting the new job descriptions and department positions of Full-Time Dispatcher and Administrative Assistant in the Minden Police Department, Dept. 10, as presented.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the Mayor to retain the services of a consulting firm to evaluate city employee salaries and sign all necessary documents pertaining thereto. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Pam Bloxom and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council voted unanimously in favor of awarding Bid No. 15-2022, Repair and Paint Tank No. 1 (500,000 gallon downtown tank) to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements.

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

Upon motion by Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously approved the Police Report for May of 2022, as presented.

Public Comments were heard, Council comments were heard and the meeting was adjourned.

Wayne Edwards, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, Acting City Clerk