

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MAY 1, 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. Prayer was offered by Rev. Billy Joe Hawkins and Andy Pendergrass led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Carlton Myles moved to accept the 2021-2022 audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2022, as presented by the accounting firm of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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 April 3, 2023, as presented. Absence(s): None. Abstention(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to confirm Ladarrius Joseph, Jemela Freeman, and Renauld Blair as full-time police officers in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Levon Thomas moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1137 – An Ordinance to Create a New Competitive Position of Deputy Chief of Police, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Authorizing Credit Card Signatory Power for Certain City of Minden Personnel, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Nick Cox to enter into a Maintenance Agreement

Including Mowing and Litter Pickup with the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Office of Engineering, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize Mayor Nick Cox to join the Delta Regional Authority's 2023 Strategic Planning Program, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Helen J. Drake Estate
c/o Charles Minifield
Post Office Box 1398
Minden, Louisiana 71058

422 East Union Street
Lot Fronting 100 ft. on Union
Street Out of Lot #2, Warsaw
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 appoint a curator in this matter. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

The police report for the month of March 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Andy Pendergrass 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