

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON AUGUST 7, 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 Levon Thomas and Latasha Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (14) Authority for Mayor Cox to Execute Any and All Documents Pertaining to the Purchase of Property by Fee Title, as Required by the FAA and State of LA DOTD for the Wildlife Perimeter Fencing Project at the Minden Airport. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and carried unanimously. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on July 10, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to approve the final plat for the lot split of property belonging to Thomas Jerry McFarland located at the corner of Country Club Circle and Lewisville Road, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and carried unanimously. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Gene Boston Estate	803 Rebecca Street
c/o Mary Boston	Lot 50 ft. on Rebecca St. x
206 S. Randall Street	162 ft. in NW/4 of NW/4
Minden, Louisiana 71055	Sec. 28-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time this item was heard, Latasha Mitchell 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 August 7, 2023. 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 Michael Roy, the council unanimously appointed Braley Raborn to the Minden Planning Commission for a

five (5) year term expiring in July 2028, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Accept Grant No. 3-22-0032-017-2023, Titled Construct Parallel Taxiway, from the Federal Aviation Administration for Future Improvements to the Minden Airport and Enter into a Grant Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell 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 adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1138, Levying Tax Mills for the Year 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into an Agreement for Professional Services between the City of Minden and Atlas Community Studios for the Minden Strategic Economic Development Plan, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Professional Services Agreement and Task Order between the City of Minden and Manchac Consulting Group, Inc., as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Michael Roy. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the engagement of Allen, Green & Williamson, LLP to conduct the City of Minden's annual audits, including the Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures for the fiscal years of 2022/2023 through 2024/2025, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Assistant City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of June 2023. No motion was required.

The police report for the month of June 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all documents pertaining to the purchase of property by fee title, as required by the FAA and State of LA DOTD for the Wildlife Perimeter Fencing project at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The Mayor and City Council recognized the 2023 Minden Dixie Darlings Softball World Series Champions. The audience was invited to a reception in honor of the team following the council meeting.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk