

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON SEPTEMBER 5, 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. Absence(s): None.

The meeting began with a Public Hearing on the proposed 2023-2024 City of Minden Budget. An invitation was extended for comments and/or questions on the proposed budget. No comments were offered. Mayor Cox declared the Public Hearing closed and the Minden City Council Regular Session convened.

Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Michael Roy 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 amend the printed agenda to add Item (14) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Legal Services' Agreement Related to AFFF/PFAS Litigation Services and Authorize Mayor Cox to Enter into a Contract for Legal Services. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (15) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contingency Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Beasley Allen (et al.) to Join Other Government Entities in Filing Lawsuit Against Social Media Companies to Protect the Youth of the Community and to Otherwise Provide Respect Thereto and Authorize Mayor Cox to Enter into an Agreement for Legal Services for Social Media Litigation. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on August 7, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Adopting the City of Minden 2023-2024 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass 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 Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to Opt Out of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness' Temporary Housing and Shelter Assistance Program, 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 Carlton Myles, the council unanimously approved the appointments of Jordan Cupples, Diane Silvis, and Sarah Overall to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the expiring or vacant terms, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously approved the promotions of Minden Police Officers Logan Clingan, Lita Hopkins, and Benjamin Sparks to the rank of Police Officer First Class and Minden Police Officers Anthony Miller and Jason Lee to the rank of Police Sergeant, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to approve the final plat for the lot split of property belonging to Perryman Realty, LLC that faces Highway 531 and Carey Lane, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish Council on Aging, Inc., 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 authorized Mayor Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish School Board to provide Webster Parish schools with two school resource officers, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and the Webster Parish School Board to provide Webster Parish schools with police officers during extracurricular events, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of August 2023. No motion was required.

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

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of the Legal Services' Agreement Related to AFFF/PFAS Litigation Services and authorize Mayor Cox to enter into a Contract for Legal Services, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Contingency Fee Agreement with the Law Firm of Beasley Allen (et al.) to Join Other Government Entities in Filing Lawsuit Against Social Media Companies to Protect the Youth of the Community and to Otherwise Provide Respect Thereto and authorize Mayor Cox to enter into an Agreement for Legal Services for Social Media Litigation, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

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Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Fluhr, City Clerk