

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 2, 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, and Michael Roy. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Carlton Myles and Levon Thomas 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 (16) Adopt a Resolution Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, Item (17) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of the City of Minden a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services, Item (18) Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of the City of Minden a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services, and Item (19) Adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the Mayor of the City of Minden. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on September 5, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Special Session held on September 13, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Carlton Myles moved to approve the Minden Police Department Rank and Position Plan, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Michael Roy moved to appoint Chris Cheatham as Interim Deputy Chief of Police, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously authorized the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the Public Works Control Center, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

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

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Horace Kinsey Estate c/o Lafayette Kinsey 109 Magnolia Street Minden, Louisiana 71055	800 Talton Street Lot fronting 67 ft. on Talton St. x 90 ft. in SW/4 of NE/4 Sec. 27-19-9
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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 October 2, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Grover Cleveland Post Office Box 615 Minden, Louisiana 71058	301 Joel Street Lot 44-1/2 x 104 ft. out of Lot #2, Richmond & Ann Peters Estate part. in SE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
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The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

T.O.P.S. Properties, LLC 1206 N. Acres Circle Springhill, Louisiana 71075	100 Ewell Street Lot 33.5 x 75.5 x 106.65 x 104.8 x 92.6 ft. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 26-19-9
Johnny L. Moore Estate c/o Danny McKinney 506 Woodard Street Minden, Louisiana 71055	

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The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Anthony Rice
102 Joel Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

442 Martin Luther King Drive
Lot fronting 87 ft. on Maiden
Lane x 38 ft. on Abney Street
x 80 x 55 x 14 x 82 x 56 x 62
ft. out of Lots #4 & 5, Jackson
Allen Subdiv. in SE/4 of
NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9 Subdiv. in
SE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9 &
Lot 36 x 62 ft. out of Lot #4,
Jackson Allen Subdiv. in SE/4
of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9

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The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Marvin White
c/o Marvine Butler
1414 South Fry Road
Katy, Texas 77450

705 Carolina Street
Lots #1 & 2, Blk. D, Fairfield
Subdiv.

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): Andy Pendergrass.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the change to the intersection of Fulton Street and Columbia Street by converting the intersection into a four-way stop, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1139, Annual Bridge Maintenance Report, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirement to annually review the posting of city bridges, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) Division of Aviation Provide Funds Required to Complete the Airport Improvements at the Minden Airport Specifically as Described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance dated September 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cox to Execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for Improvements at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

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

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

The Police Report for the month of August 2023 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Latasha Mitchell and second by Michael Roy. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Adopting a Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, as presented. The motion was

duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of the City of Minden a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Administrative Services, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on Behalf and in the Name of the City of Minden a Contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Engineering Services, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Program and Authorizing Signatory Authority to the Mayor of the City of Minden, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Andy Pendergrass.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk