

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 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 Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): Michael Roy. 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.

Andy Pendergrass moved to amend the printed agenda to change the order of Item (4) Personnel – Minden Police Department New Hire and Item (5) Personnel – Minden Police Department Transfer so that the Minden Police Department Transfer would be voted on before the Minden Police Department New Hire. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on October 2, 2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2022-2023 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1140 – An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 82 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, Louisiana, to Provide for Payments by Credit/Debit Cards, Agreements with Credit/Debit Card Companies, Credit/Debit Card Transaction Fees, and Cancellation of Agreements by the City of Minden starting January 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

Carlton Myles moved to confirm Matthew Hicks as a full-time police officer 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): Michael Roy.

Upon motion by Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously confirmed Dedrick Anderson, Jr. as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Marvin White c/o Marvin Butler 1414 South Fry Road Katy, Texas 77450	705 Carolina Street Lots #1 & 2, Blk. D, Fairfield Subdiv.
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Attorney Paul E. Kitchens presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and regular U.S. mail to Marvin White and that, to date, he has received no response. Evidence of Paul Kitchens' correspondence to Marvin White was provided. 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 November 6, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Willie Combs, Jr. 217 Main Street Minden, Louisiana 71055	217 Main Street Lots #58 & 59, Williamson Jones Survey of Minden in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9, Strip 20 x 130 ft. Adj. on West Side of Lot #58, Strip 10 x 120 ft. Adj. on South Side of Lots #58 & 59 & Strip 10 x 130 ft. Adj. on East Side of Lot #59 in NE/4 of NE/4 Sec. 28-19-9 (Formerly Alleys)
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Attorney Paul E. Kitchens presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested to Willie Combs, Jr. and that TaTega Lewis, Mr. Combs' granddaughter, was present representing the property. TaTega Lewis stated that her family is attempting to repair the house located at 217 Main Street and requested more time in order to finish the project. Carlton Myles moved to table the item for the March 2024 Minden City Council Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy.

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

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

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

All National Night Out 2023 Block Party Hosts were recognized by Police Chief Jared McIver serving in his capacity as 2023 National Night Out Chairman. Proclamations were presented to all hosts. No motion was required.

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