

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 4, 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. 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.

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (9) Adopt Resolution – Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing New SCBA Air Packs for the Minden Fire Department. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on November 6, 2023, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was as follows. Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Michael Roy. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the Audit Period of 10/01/2022 – 09/30/2023, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to confirm Bria Cooper as a full-time policer officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. 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 Levon Thomas, the council unanimously confirmed Hunter Buchanan as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to execute a purchase agreement for property on Recreation Drive, subject to attorney review. The motion was duly

seconded by Andy Pendergrass 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.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Barbara Miller 4502 N. Ripple Ridge Drive Houston, Texas 77053	505 Plateau Street South 70 ft. of Lot #8, Blk. "7", Harrell Hts. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
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Gregory Miller was present representing the property on behalf of the property owner. Miller asked for more time to rehabilitate the structure located on the property. 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 120 days of December 4, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

The Church of God in Christ c/o Superintendent Roy Hill 114 Kennedy Lane Minden, Louisiana 71055	707 Crichton Street Lot 50 x 150 ft. in NE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 28-19-9
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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 December 4, 2023. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Esquire 2019, LLC 707 Benton Road, Suite 125 Bossier City, Louisiana 71111	514 Babb Circle Lot #9, Babb Addn., Unit #2
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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 December 4, 2023. The motion was duly

seconded by Andy Pendergrass 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 October 2023. No motion was required.

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Annual Fire Report for the Year 2023. Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously approved the Annual Fire Report, as presented.

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

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Regarding a Lease Purchase Agreement for the Purpose of Financing SCBA Air Packs for the Minden Fire Department, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The Minden Police Department and Minden Police Association presented the Courage and Bravery Award to Colin Campbell and presented the Life Saving Award to Officer Logan Clingan. Other announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk