

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 5, 2024**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in 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 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 adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on January 8, 2024, 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 Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously appointed Tokia Harrison and Christopher A. Cheatham as Deputy Chiefs of Police, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to appoint Joey P. Frye to the Minden Planning Commission to fill the unexpired term through July 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Establishing Fees for the Collection and Disposal of Garbage and Refuse Pursuant to Section 74-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell 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 Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1141 – An Ordinance to Abandon the 120-Foot by 20-Foot Alley Lying between Lots 24 and 25 of the Williamson-Jones Survey, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Levon Thomas and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1142 – An Ordinance to Declare Green Street a One-Way Street between West Union Street and Pine Street, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Levon Thomas moved to adopt the change to the speed limit of Green Street to 10 MPH (miles per hour), 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 Latasha Mitchell and duly seconded by Michael Roy, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to enter into a Local Services Agreement between the City of Minden and the Parish of Webster, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2023-2024 Street Improvements Project, which includes the following streets: Fort Street from East Union Street to Homer Road, Germantown Road from Kennon Street to the Minden City Limits, Mignon Street from Talton Street to East Union Street, Talton Street from East Street to East Union Street, West Street from Shreveport Road to West Street's dead end, and Chandler Street from Lewisville Road to Elm Street. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to confirm Jessica Thompson as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

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

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of January 2024. No motion was required.

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

Shawn Hatcher, Chairman of the Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission, presented the Minden Fasching Parade Awards.

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

Nick Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk