

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 1, 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 City Attorney Jimbo Yocom and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Latasha Mitchell. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on June 3, 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 Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted the minutes of the Minden City Council Special Session held on June 17, 2024, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to name the Minden Press-Herald as the Official Journal of the City of Minden, Louisiana. 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 amend the term of Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission member Claudine Thomas to expire on September 8, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously approved the reappointments Ricky Thomas and Charlotte Jones to the Minden Downtown/Residential Historic Commission to fill the expired terms, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously adopted the new job description and department position entitled “Battalion Chief” in Department 12, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Fire Department Captain Tony Hall to the rank of Battalion Chief, 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 approve the promotion of Minden Police Sergeant Jason Smith to the rank of Police Lieutenant, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Fountain of Praise United Worship Center 1211 Parkwood Street Arcadia, Louisiana 71001	518 Constable Street Lot Fronting 95.2 ft. on Marshall St. x 145 ft. on Constable St., being out of Lots #1 & 2, Blk. "J", Justice Hts. Addn., & Lot Fronting 155.3 ft. on Marshall St. x 142.25 ft. on Constable St. out of Lots #6, 7 & 8, Blk. "K", Justice Hts. Addn.
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Attorney Paul Kitchens of Kitchens Law Firm presented a written curator report stating that correspondence was sent via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested and regular U.S. mail to Fountain of Praise United Worship Center. Mr. Kitchens did get in contact with Cynthia Alexander Pearson and Ricky Pearson, both Registered Agents and Officers for Fountain of Praise United Worship Center. With no party representing the property owner present at the time that 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 July 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy 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 following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Morris Freeman, Jr. 432 Pershing Street Minden, Louisiana 71055	1300 Apple Street Und. 1/2 Int. in & to: Lots #1 & 2, Blk. "7", Noira Addn.
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With no party representing the property owner present at the time that 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 60 days of July 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Charlotte Scott
504 Walnut Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

1301 Apple Street
South 95 ft. of Lot #8, Blk. "2",
Noira Addn.

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that 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 60 days of July 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Bernice Clark
c/o Donna Bradford
16662 U.S. Highway 80-East
Minden, Louisiana 71055

1019 Lee Street
The South 35 ft. of Lot #7 & All of
Lot #8, Blk. "5", Southside Addn.,
Less That Portion to Dept. of Hwy.

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that 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 July 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Prescott Thomas
1005 West Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

1003 West Street
Lot Fronting 50 ft. on West St. x 200
ft. in NW/4 of NW/4, Sec. 28-19-9
& Lot 50 x 100 ft. in NW/4 of
NW/4, Sec. 28-19-9

Jason Thomas and Clotier Thomas were present representing Prescott Thomas' property. They asked for more time to demolish the structure themselves. 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 90 days of July 1, 2024. 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:

Stanley D. Anders
305 West Todd Street
Minden, Louisiana 71055

305 West Todd Street
Lot #15, Blk. "E", Lakeside Subdiv.
in SE/4 of SW/4, Sec. 15-19-9

With no party representing the property owner present at the time that this item was heard, Michael Roy 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 45 days of July 1, 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell 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 May 2024. No motion was required.

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

The Police Report for the month of May 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Carlton Myles and second by Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Special Guests Senator Adam Bass, Representative Wayne McMahan, and Lobbyist Caroline Mladenka spoke to the council about their work during the 2024 Regular Legislative Session.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk