

1 **City of Minneola**
2 **Regular Council Meeting**
3 **Minneola City Hall**

Mar. 14, 2006
7:00 P.M.

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5 The City of Minneola Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Ed
6 Earl. Present were: Councilwoman Sue Cordova, Vice Mayor Ed Earl, Councilman
7 Joseph Teri, Katrina Thomas (Assistant City Attorney), Jan McDaniel (City Clerk),
8 Rainy Sommers (Human Resource Manager), Chief David Dobrzykowski (MFD), Lt.
9 Peyton Grinnell (LCSO), Bruce Behrens (City Manager), Peter Brandt (Planning
10 Consultant), and Linda Crane (Finance Director). Mayor Yeager was excused.
11 Councilman Shane Perreault arrived at 7:05 P.M.

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13 A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

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15 **Tab # 1 Approval of Minutes**

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17 **Sue Cordova:** Corrected mad to made on line 22, pg. 1 of the Feb. 21st Workshop
18 minutes.

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20 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Joe Teri to approve the minutes as**
21 **amended.**

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23 **AYE:** Cordova, Earl, Teri

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25 **NAY:** None

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27 *Councilman Perreault was not present for the vote.*

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29 **MOTION PASSED: 3-0**

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31 **Agenda Review**

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33 **Sue Cordova:** Requested that Ordinance 2006-11 to be presented before Ordinance
34 2006-08.

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36 Council agreed.

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38 **Tab # 3 Ordinance 2006-11 Professional & Consultant Fees**

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40 **Katrina Thomas:** Read Ordinance 2006-11 by title only, for the first time.

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42 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Asked for Council Comments.

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44 **Sue Cordova:** Stated that she liked the Ordinance as written.

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46 Council agreed.

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2 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Asked for public comment. There were no comments.

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4 First reading, no action.

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6 **Tab # 2 Ordinance 2006-08**

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8 **Katrina Thomas:** Read Ordinance 2006-08 by title only for the first time.

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10 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Asked for Council comments.

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12 **Shane Perreault:** Stated that at least one person at every meeting or workshop had
13 commented that they believed the Council job was underpaid.

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15 **Sue Cordova:** Stated that at the last two budget session she had urged the Council to
16 reduce the compensation for Council members. She stated that serving on the Council
17 should be a civic responsibility out of concern for the City.

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19 **Joe Teri:** Stated that he believed the compensation was too low, but did not believe he
20 could vote for a raise for himself.

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22 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Stated that he believed that the Council was underpaid and that by
23 increasing the compensation, it would draw more qualified people to run for office.

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25 Council discussed the salaries and pay scales of the surrounding Cities.

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27 **Shane Perreault:** Referred to a Council time sheet (Exhibit A) that had been distributed
28 to the Council and asked who had requested the information. He stated that he strongly
29 objected to the calculations because it did not reflect the entire time spent on issues

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31 **Jan McDaniel:** Explained that Debbie Veit had made a public information request for
32 the actual time length of each meeting held in the last six months, which was public
33 record and that she was required by law to release the information.

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35 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Asked for public comment.

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37 **Jim Frana (208 Lace Bark Ct.):** Stated that Jan had always filled any public
38 information that he had requested in a timely manner. He expressed his opinion that he
39 was against the Council raising the Council compensation.

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41 **Debbie Veit (1045 High Ridge Ct.):** Stated that she had requested the information and
42 explained her calculations. She gave some history on how the current Council
43 compensation had been determined and expressed her view against raising the
44 compensation.

1 **Pat Murphy (202 E. Osceola):** Stated she was against the raising of the Council's
2 compensation.

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4 **Jim Sill (327 Chester Street):** Stated he did not believe the compensation should be
5 raised, and suggested that the Council could put the issue on the November ballot and let
6 the citizens of Minneola decide the compensation.

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8 **Mike Cage (1040 High Ridge Ct.):** Stated that he was a former Council member and
9 was against raising the Council's compensation.

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11 **Ron Hopkins (108 N. Bloxam):** Stated that he was also against raising the
12 compensation.

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14 **Dave Sherrick (901 Elm Forest Dr.):** Suggested that the Council should let the staff do
15 their job and not have so many workshops. He strongly suggested that the issue be
16 dropped.

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18 **Sue Cordova:** Asked for consensus to drop the issue of raising Council compensation.

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20 *Sue Cordova and Joe Teri were in favor of dropping the Ordinance.*

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22 *Shane Perreault and Vice Mayor Earl were not in favor of dropping the Ordinance.*

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24 *Ordinance 2006-08 will be presented at the March 28th meeting for 2nd reading.*

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26 **Audience to be Heard**

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28 **Ron Hopkins (108 N. Bloxam):** Requested that the restrooms at Trail Head Park remain
29 open at least until 5:00 p.m. each day.

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31 **Joe Emanuele (212 Grassy Lake Road):** Thanked everyone for their participation in
32 the Jr. Eagles Cancer Fund Raiser.

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34 **Dave Sherrick (901 Elm Forest Dr.):** Requested that the Council consider passing an
35 Ordinance banning pit bull dogs in the City.

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37 **Jim Frana (208 Lace Bark Ct.):** Stated that a PAL Bike Fund Relay would be held on
38 April 9th and encouraged the Council to support the Minneola kids who would be
39 participating.

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41 **Tab # 4 Minneola Code Review**

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43 **Katrina Thomas:** Explained that she had reviewed the code as requested by the Council
44 and that the items before them this evening were the first section to be reviewed. She
45 asked if the Council wanted to workshop the changes or to review them by sections and
46 discussed at a Council meeting.

1 Council agreed that they preferred to review the code in sections and not at a workshop.

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3 **Ed Earl:** Asked for Council comments.

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5 **Sue Cordova:** Requested that the Mayor's annual State of the City address to be
6 included on page 2, section 3 to coincide with the annual fiscal reports.

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8 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Requested that "or designee" to be added to all the sections when
9 changing from Mayor to City Manager.

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11 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Shane Perreault to approve the changes**
12 **to the sections of the Minneola Code of Ordinances with the additional [adding] to 3**
13 **a, at the time of the State of the City and the additional, on section 1 a, to change or**
14 **designee on the other two spots where City Manager is written.**

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16 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Earl, Teri

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18 **NAY:** None

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20 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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22 **Reports:**

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24 **Bruce Behrens:** Stated that he had distributed the City Manager's Report and also a
25 quote on the City logo for the Council Chamber and asked if Council had any questions.
26 He explained that he had met with the County regarding the construction of the roads for
27 Founders Ridge and stated that a meeting had been scheduled for April 27th at 7:00 p.m.
28 with the Lake County Board and the Minneola Council.

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30 **Chief Dobrzykowski:** Explained that the Fire Safety Education at Minneola Elementary
31 for K thru 5 would be held in April; and that he would be scheduling a hurricane seminar
32 for the citizens of Minneola in May.

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34 **Lt. Grinnell:** Stated that he would meet with Mr. Sherrick regarding the animal
35 problems, and that his department was working with the State regarding the speeding in
36 the construction areas.

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38 **Katrina Thomas:** Stated that her office would draft a letter to the County inviting them
39 to the meeting on April 27th; and requested that the Council make a motion to continue
40 the Founders Ridge Developer Agreement Amendment to the April 11th meeting per Mr.
41 Lefkowitz's request.

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43 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Shane Perreault, to move the Leeds**
44 **Holdings agreement to the May 9th meeting, with the option to allow them to call**
45 **and move it to the April 11th meeting, if they are prepared at that time.**

1 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Earl, Teri

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3 **NAY:** None

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5 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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7 **Shane Perreault:** Stated that he would support the dog ban in the City.

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9 **Sue Cordova:** Asked for an update for the Senior Meals Program; asked if a decision
10 had been reached regarding the fees being charged for Minneola children to participate in
11 Clermont activities; reported that a Water Alliance meeting had been held recently and
12 that Lake County had received a two week extension regarding the objections to Orange
13 County pulling water from the aquifer under Lake County. She requested that every
14 Council member report on their various committee or boards that they are members of
15 and requested that the City Manager evaluation forms be distributed to Council.

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17 **Bruce Behrens:** Stated that Joe LaPolla had called Mr. Popovich regarding the Senior
18 Program and had not gotten a response. He stated that he would check with Joe and get
19 back to her. He also stated that he would be meeting with the Clermont City Manager
20 next week and would discuss the park program fees at that time.

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22 **Joe Teri:** Asked if the fountains had been repaired at the park and if Ms. Reeves had
23 been contacted.

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25 **Bruce Behrens:** Replied that one fountain was being repaired and one was now
26 working. He explained that Ms. Reeves had been contacted and the City was working
27 with the school regarding the use of the property next to Minneola Elementary as a
28 parking area.

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30 Council discussed the workshop schedule and cancelled the meeting on April 5th.

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32 **Vice Mayor Earl:** Asked if it was necessary for all the staff members to be present at
33 the meetings. He stated that he believed that only the City Clerk and the City Manager
34 needed to be present.

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36 **Sue Cordova:** Stated that she believed the Public Works Director should also attend the
37 meetings.

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39 **Bruce Behrens:** Stated that if any questions arise he would contact that staff member by
40 cell phone, if needed.

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42 The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

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Mayor David Yeager

ATTEST:

Jan McDaniel, CMC