

1 **City of Minneola**  
2 **Special Council Meeting**  
3 **Minneola City Hall**  
4

**Sept. 26, 2006**  
**7:00 P.M.**

5 The City of Minneola Special Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Yeager.  
6 Present were: Mayor David Yeager, Vice Mayor Ed Earl, Councilwoman Sue Cordova,  
7 Councilman Joseph Teri, Councilman Shane Perreault, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Lt.  
8 Greg Link (LCSO), Chief Dave Dobrzykowski (MFD), Bruce Behrens (City Manager),  
9 Peter Brandt (GCG), Tim Green (GCG) and Jan McDaniel (City Clerk).

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11 A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.  
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13 **Tab # 1 2006-2007 Budget Hearing @ 7:02 P.M.**  
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15 **Mayor Yeager:**

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17 I. Called the Public Hearing to Order.  
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19 II. Announced that the purpose of the hearing is for the adoption of the final millage rate  
20 and the budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007.  
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22 III. Announced the final millage rate for 2006-2007 is \$4.25. The current year rolled-  
23 back rate is \$3.57. The current year final millage rate of \$4.25 is a percent increase  
24 change of 19% higher than the current year rolled back rate of \$3.57.  
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26 IV. Read Resolution No. 2006-17 by title only.  
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28 V. Opened the meeting for public comment.  
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30 There were no public comments.  
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32 VI. Motion to adopt the millage rate of \$4.25 for the fiscal year 2006-2007.  
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34 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Shane Perreault to approve**  
35 **Resolution 2006-17.**  
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37 **Ed Earl:** Requested that the millage rate be lowered and to cut the budget.

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39 **Sue Cordova:** Explained that the Council had reduced the millage from \$4.50 to  
40 \$4.25.  
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42 Council discussed the tax rate and whether or not it could be lowered later in the year  
43 and the mid-year budget review.  
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45 **Scott Gerken:** Explained that the tax rate is set once per year and is not changed  
46 until the next fiscal year if approved by the Council.  
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48 **Ed Earl:** Suggested that the tax rate be set at the current roll back rate.  
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50 **Sue Cordova:** Withdrew her motion.  
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1 **Linda Crane:** Briefly explained the revenues and taxes and that lowering the millage  
2 rate to the roll back rate of \$3.57 it would be necessary to cut services and that there  
3 was no guaranteed revenue.

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5 Council discussed the budgeted generator for City Hall and the possibility of cutting  
6 that expenditure from the budget.

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8 **Shane Perreault:** Suggested that the rate be set at \$4.15.

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10 **MOTION by Shane Perreault, SECONDED by Sue Cordova to set the final**  
11 **millage rate for 2006-2007 at \$4.15.**

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13 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Yeager, Teri

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15 **NAY:** Earl

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17 **MOTION PASSED: 4-1**

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19 **Bruce Behrens:** Explained that the budget would be reworked and brought back to  
20 the Council.

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22 **Mayor's Proclamation**

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24 Mayor Yeager read the following proclamation:

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26 *The Election of the City of Minneola shall be held on November 7, 2006 between the*  
27 *hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Minneola City Hall*  
28 *located at 800 N. US Hwy. 27, Minneola, FL. The purpose of the election is for two year*  
29 *terms for Seat # 2 and Seat # 4.*

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31 *Early voting for the November election will be held at Minneola City Hall from Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>*  
32 *thru Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, Monday thru Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.*

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34 **Tab # 2 Approval of the Minutes**

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36 Regular Council Meeting Sept. 12, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.  
37 Quasi-Judicial Hearing (Hills of Minneola Annexation) Sept. 12, 2006 @ 7:35 P.M.

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39 **Mayor Yeager:** Asked for Council comments or corrections.

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41 There were no corrections.

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43 **MOTION by Shane Perreault, SECONDED by Sue Cordova, to approve the**  
44 **minutes as written.**

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46 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Yeager, Teri

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48 **NAY:** Earl

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50 **MOTION PASSED: 4-1**

1 **Agenda Review**

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3 **Sue Cordova:** Requested that Ordinance 2006-01 to be tabled to the next scheduled  
4 Council meeting. She explained that she had spoken to Mr. Ladd, the applicant and he  
5 had agreed to the postponement to the next meeting.

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7 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Shane Perreault, to table Ordinance**  
8 **2006-01 to the next regular scheduled Council meeting [October 10<sup>th</sup>].**

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10 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Yeager, Earl, Teri

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12 **NAY:** None

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14 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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16 **Audience to be Heard**

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18 Mayor Yeager stated that each speaker would be allowed three minutes.

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20 **Sharon White (Baker St.):** Spoke to the Council about recent articles in the newspapers  
21 regarding Councilman Perreault being searched by Lt. Link at the meetings. She stated  
22 that she believed that the Mayor had violated the City Charter by directing Lt. Link to  
23 search Mr. Perreault. She read sections from the Charter and asked for the Mayor's  
24 immediate resignation.

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26 Shane Perreault and Sue Cordova stated that they also believed the Charter had been  
27 violated.

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29 **Sue Cordova:** Asked for the City Attorney's professional opinion.

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31 **Scott Gerken:** Stated that there was a legal procedure and that he would check the  
32 statutes and Florida Law.

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34 **Robert Foley (Montverde resident):** Urged the Council to sign the Lake County  
35 School Concurrency Agreement.

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37 **Jessica Perreault (620 Westview Dr.):** Agreed with Ms. White and asked that the  
38 Mayor pass the gavel and that proceedings to remove the Mayor from office begin  
39 immediately.

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41 **Pat Murphy (202 E. Osceola St.):** Expressed her support for the Mayor and expressed  
42 her concerns with Mr. Perreault's behavior.

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44 **Randall J. Moye, Jr. (832 Park Valley Circle):** Expressed his support of Mr. Perreault.

1 **Susan Hildebrandt (12421 Sullivan Road):** Spoke to Council regarding problems in  
2 her area and distributed photos (Exhibit B) showing where the retaining ditches were  
3 filled in by sand runoff due to construction on her road.  
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5 **Debbie Veit (1045 High Ridge Ct.):** Expressed her opinion regarding the statements by  
6 Ms. White and Mr. Moyer and stated that she believed it was “dirty politics”.  
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8 **Tab # 4 Ordinance 2006-19 Annexation & Rezoning Hills of Minneola (Quasi-  
9 Judicial Hearing) @ 7:35 p.m.**

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11 **Mayor Yeager:** Stated that the Council should revisit the approval of the budget as the  
12 Financial Director had revised the millage rate, and that he would like to shorten the  
13 reports sections.  
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15 **Scott Gerken:** Explained that the budget had been tabled earlier in the meeting and that  
16 the motion would have to be rescinded.  
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18 **MOTION by Sue Cordova to rescind the prior motion to table the budget.**  
19 *(no second or vote was taken)*  
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21 Mayor Yeager read the following

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23 VII. Review the budget for fiscal year 2006-2007:

24	i. Total General Fund Operating Expenses =	\$4,932,610
25	ii. Total Utility Fund Operating Expenses =	5,345,583
26	iii. Total Stormwater Utility Fund Operating Expenses =	<u>90,570</u>
27	<b>TOTAL 2006-2007 OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$10,368,763</b>

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30 VIII. Read Resolution No. 2006-18 by title only.

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32 IX. Opened the meeting for public comment.

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34 There were no public comments.

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36 X. Motion to adopt the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2006-2007.

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38 **MOTION by Sue Cordova, SECONDED by Shane Perreault, to approve  
39 Resolution 2006-18.**

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41 **AYE:** Perreault, Cordova, Yeager, Teri

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43 **NAY:** Earl

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45 **MOTION PASSED: 4-1**

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47 XI. Closed the public hearing.  
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1 **Reports:**

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3 **Bruce Behrens:** Explained his report (Exhibit F).

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5 Joe Teri: Requested that Mr. Behrens contact Tetra Tech regarding the Park Impact Fee  
6 Study status update.

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8 **Chief Dobrzykowski:** Announced that the spaghetti dinner fundraiser raised \$725.00  
9 (after expenses), advised the Council that Fire Prevention Week was Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, and  
10 that there would be an open house at the Fire Station on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. –  
11 2:00 p.m.

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13 **Lt. Link:** No report

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15 **Scott Gerken:** Clarified by memo (Exhibit G) that the Council could prohibit Fall  
16 Festival booth rental space to candidates, explained that Waste Management wished to  
17 meet with the Council to discuss their contract and services; stated that a revised Sheriff's  
18 contract had been received and would come before the Council at the October 10<sup>th</sup>  
19 meeting and stated that the City Manager's merit raise would be discussed at that  
20 meeting. He also informed the Council that Pine Bluff was working on getting the  
21 required permit from the County to complete the road.

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23 **Joe Teri:** Asked for an update on the Karst Agreement, the Naming of the Park and an  
24 update on the pier.

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26 **Scott Gerken:** Reported that the Karst Agreement had been signed; that his office was  
27 looking into ways to put the word out on naming the park, and that he was going to have  
28 a meeting with a resident that claims rights to the dock on the property.

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30 **Shane Perreault:** Thanked the Citizens for attending the meeting, and asked for  
31 information on forfeiture of office procedures; explained that in response to Ms. Veit's  
32 accusations that he might be guilty of interjecting with the City management, that he had  
33 brought the subject to the Council for discussion.

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35 **Scott Gerken:** Stated that a suspension had to come from the Governor's office and any  
36 citizen could contact the Governor's office.

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38 **Sue Cordova:** No report.

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40 **Ed Earl:** Stated that the City needed to address school concurrency and requested that  
41 the City have its own Ordinance regarding school concurrency; stated that he was not  
42 interested in meeting with Waste Management, and asked for consensus not to advertise  
43 Ordinances until all materials were received.

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45 Consensus of Council was not to advertise anything until it is complete.

1 **Joe Teri:** Asked to table the Ladd/Lowndes discussion to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October.

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3 **Sue Cordova:** Explained that she believed that the Ladd's would not be in favor of  
4 another postponement.

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6 **MOTION by Ed Earl, SECONDED by Shane Perreault to table the Ladd/Lowndes**  
7 **Ordinance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in October.**

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9 **AYE:** Perreault, Yeager, Earl, Teri

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11 **NAY:** Cordova

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13 **MOTION PASSED: 4-1**

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15 The meeting adjourned at 11:58 P.M.

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Mayor David Yeager

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ATTEST:

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23 Jan McDaniel, CMC

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Minneola City Clerk