

5 The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Present
6 were: Councilman Rick Roderick, Councilman Victor Ortega, Vice Mayor Kelly Price,
7 Councilman Joseph Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), and Jan McDaniel (City
8 Clerk/ Acting City Manager).
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10 A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Vice Mayor
11 Price.
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13 **AGENDA REVIEW**
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15 **Mayor Kelley** requested the agenda addendum be heard following audience to be heard.
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17 Council agreed.
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19 **AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**
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21 **Russ Silverstein** (Minneola business owner) asked why he was required to remove some
22 of his business signage; when other businesses are allowed to have the signage. He stated
23 he believed he was being targeted by Code Enforcement.
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25 **Mayor Kelley** explained the Code Enforcement officer is following instructions and
26 stated the City would look into it and get back to him.
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28 **Ramon Flores** (Sr. Code Enforcement Officer) explained that on several occasions the
29 business in question has had violations as well as other businesses in the area. He stated
30 he did not target Mr. Silverstein's business.
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32 **Mayor Kelley** again reiterated that the City would work with Mr. Silverstein to resolve
33 the issue.
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35 **Scott Gerken** stated a new sign ordinance would be coming to Council in the near future
36 that may elevate some of the issues.
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38 **Lt. Link** (LCSO) asked Council if they were still interested in starting a Citizen's on
39 Patrol in Minneola by utilizing a former squad car when the replacement for that city
40 owned vehicle becomes available.
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42 All Council Member's were in favor.
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44 **Agenda Addendum – US Hwy. 27 N. Utility Project**
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46 **Jan McDaniel** explained that Marc Walch of PBS&J and Jon Fox of Tetra Tech and the
47 City Engineer Mark Jacobson were present to explain the next step in moving forward
48 with the US Hwy N. 27 Utility Project.

1 **Jon Fox** stated that in the interest of cutting costs Mercon had agreed to split the project
2 at this time with hope that the grant funding was received to complete the entire project.
3 He also explained Mercon also would be completing all the necessary forms.

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5 **Scott Gerken** explained regarding the sewer portion of the project, the City was
6 anticipating some stimulus money from the federal government, and there was also the
7 option of a low interest rate SRF loan, or use impact fees. He stated the purpose of the
8 agenda addendum was for the first reading of an ordinance to move forward with the SRF
9 loan application. He further explained what was required at this time was 1) approve a
10 resolution; 2) 1st reading of the Ordinance; 3) authorize the loan application to be signed
11 and sent; 4) award the contract for the project.

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13 A lengthy discussion pursued including the costs and the process with Council agreeing
14 to move forward with the loan process.

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16 **Resolution 2009-22 SRF Loan – US Hwy N 27 Utility Project**

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18 **Scott Gerken** read Resolution 2009-22 by title only.

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20 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Kelly Price to approve Resolution**
21 **2009-22.**

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23 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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25 **NAY:** None

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27 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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29 **Ordinance 2009-29 Authorizing Loan Application**

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31 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2009-29 by title only for the first time.

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33 *First reading; no action taken.*

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35 **Loan Agreement Authorization**

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37 **Scott Gerken** explained that this would authorize the City Manager to sign the loan
38 application.

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40 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Kelly Price to approve the loan**
41 **authorization.**

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43 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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45 **NAY:** None

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47 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

1 **Approval of Contact**

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3 **Scott Gerken** explained the contract is for the entire project.

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5 **Jon Fox** explained that although the contract is for the entire project there is a “hold” of
6 90 days should there be problems with the funding.

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8 *Council comments:*

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- **Victor Ortega** asked for Council’s thoughts and clarification.
 - **Rick Roderick** stated he believed it was a good idea to move forward with the project.
 - **Mayor Kelley** clarified that the grant portion was for the wastewater portion of the project and we have thirty days to determine where the City is financially to move forward with the water portion. He urged Council to move forward to get the ball rolling to get the lines to the prison.
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17 **Marc Walch** stated the main issue was to get the wastewater lines to the prison.

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19 Discussion continued.

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21 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Victor Ortega to approve the award**
22 **to Mercon for \$1,441,924.59.**

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24 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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26 **NAY:** None

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28 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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30 **REPORTS:**

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32 **Jan McDaniel** referred to her report (exhibit A) and briefly explained the items as
33 follows:

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- City Manager resumes are continuing to come in.
 - Interviews for the Fire Chief Position continue.
 - Employee luncheon was held today.
 - Met with Mr. Boscan, a lobbyist who would like to provide services for the City of Minneola.
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40 **Mayor Kelley** suggested asking Mr. Boscan if he would be available for short term.

41 **Rick Roderick** stated he would be interested in having a staff person handle grants and
42 funding options.

43 **Victor Ortega** stated he believed a lobbyist would be a great help for the City and
44 suggested a workshop.

45 **Kelly Price** stated that due to the economic situation it might not be the right time.

46 **Joe Saunders** stated he would be looking for a proven track record.

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1 **Scott Gerken** had no report.

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3 **Mayor Kelley** asked Mr. Gerken the status on the utility hookup fees for the new high
4 school.

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6 **Scott Gerken** explained that the school board had paid sewer fees for the elementary
7 schools and it was proposed to follow the same path for the high school. He stated an
8 agreement had been sent to the board, and hopefully he would hear something within the
9 next month.

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11 A general discussion continued regarding the schools in the district.

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13 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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15 **Rick Roderick** stated he rode with the deputies last week and that he is totally pro
16 Sheriff's Department; Stated he is on the County Library Committee and is working with
17 Mary Kay & Mary Jane at the Minneola Schoolhouse Library. Stated as P & Z liaison he
18 would be happy to clarify items for the Council.

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20 **Victor Ortega** informed Council he had attended the Lake County League of Cities and
21 he would provide the power point presentation for Council; noted he had been appointed
22 to Lake County Economic Council; noted he had attended the school concurrency
23 meeting; he had attended the Chamber Southlake Economic Development meeting; and
24 asked for Council consensus to move forward with the Minneola Initiative – Southlake
25 County Economic session. He also reported that the thrift shop had appliances sitting
26 around and asked staff to check on it.

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28 **Kelly Price** had no report.

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30 **Joe Saunders** stated he had spoken to TJ Fish and the traffic light at Turkey Farm Road
31 and Old Hwy 50 and the scheduled installation is the beginning of March.

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33 **Mayor Kelley** requested an Ordinance be drafted addressing the use of the City
34 seal/logo.

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36 **Tab 1a APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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38 **MOTION by Victor Ortega, SECONDED by Rick Roderick to approve Council**
39 **meeting minutes as written.**

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41 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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43 **NAY:** None

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45 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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47 **Tab 1b Ordinance 2009-27 (moved to follow Resolution 2009-17)**

1 **Tab 2 Code Enforcement Board Appointment**

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3 **Jan McDaniel** requested the Council appoint David Lunsford to the Code Enforcement
4 Board.

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6 **David Lunsford** (Minneola resident) introduced himself to the Council.

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8 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Kelly Price to appoint Mr. Lunsford**
9 **to the Code Enforcement Board.**

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11 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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13 **NAY:** None

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15 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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17 **Tab 3 Resolution 2009-21 Conditional Use Permit – Quasi-Judicial Hearing @ 8:16**
18 **p.m.**

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20 **Tab 4 Resolution 2009-20 Variance 1775 N. US Hwy 27 Quasi-Judicial Hearing @**
21 **8:32 p.m. & Tab 5 Resolution 2009-17 SEU 1775 N. US Hwy 27 heard together.**

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24 **Tab 6 Ordinance 2009-27 Abatement of Unsafe Buildings Procedure**

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26 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2009-27 by title only for the second time. He explained
27 that language addressing undeveloped property and clarifications regarding registration
28 of foreclosed property had been added and there was no conflict with our ordinance
29 regarding abandoned property.

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31 **MOTION by Kelly Price, SECONDED by Rick Roderick to approve Ordinance**
32 **2009-27.**

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34 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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36 **NAY:** None

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38 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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40 **FINAL COMMENTS**

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42 **Victor Ortega** asked for consensus to hold the Minneola Round Table.

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44 Council consensus was to move forward with the plan.

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46 **Victor Ortega** explained the meeting idea was growing and it could become a County
47 wide meeting and he believed the monetary contribution from the City would be minimal.

1 He stated the meeting would be held in March. He stated his opinion that Snow Day was
2 good and asked staff to check the swings at the park for rust.

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4 **Kelly Price** had no comments.

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6 **Joe Saunders** spoke on the MPO meeting and advised anyone who would like more
7 detailed information to go to the MPO website. He reported the MPO was considering
8 Park & Ride for Minneola; noted Sonja Henderson was the new chairperson for the
9 MPO; and a meeting would be held tomorrow in Orlando regarding the high speed rail.

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11 **Mayor Kelley** requested the February 16th Council meeting be cancelled due to Lake
12 County Days in Tallahassee are the same time. He asked Council to advise Jan if they
13 were attending.

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15 **Tim Green** spoke briefly on Lake County Days and noted the bus ride to Tallahassee is
16 very informative.

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18 **Rick Roderick, Victor Ortega and Mayor Kelley** stated they would be attending, and
19 Ms. Price and Mr. Saunders stated they would check their calendars.

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21 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Victor Ortega to cancel the February**
22 **16th Council meeting.**

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24 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders

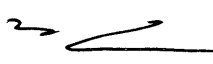
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26 **NAY:** None

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28 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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30 **Mayor Kelley** announced the Chamber breakfast would be held here on Dec. 18th and the
31 meeting in 2010 would begin at 6:30 p.m.

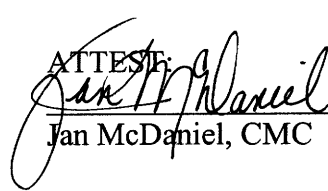
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33 **MOTION by Kelly Price, SECONDED by Rick Roderick to adjourn.**

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35 *The meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.*

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Mayor Pat Kelley

43 ATTEST:

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45 Jan McDaniel, CMC

