

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

**March 2, 2010**  
**6:30 P.M.**

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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 No changes were made to the agenda. Mayor Kelley presented and read a proclamation  
16 calling for “Problem Gambling Awareness Week” to be March 7-13, 2010.

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18 **AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**

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20 No comments were made.

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22 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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24 **Scott Gerken** shared updates regarding Silverton Beach.

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26 *Consensus was reached that the City should take back the property without further*  
27 *discussion.*

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29 **Scott Gerken** shared that the City needed to obtain easement consent from Mr. Langley  
30 for a section of Highway 27 that he owns and that Mr. Langley was asking for 3 taps, in  
31 return for the consent.

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33 **Jan McDaniel** stated that she was working with lobbyist Jose Boscan on funding for the  
34 Lake County Corrections Institute connections; asked for direction on leasing of Mr.  
35 Wert’s property adjacent to the wastewater treatment facility; updated information on  
36 ADA, City Events and Library schedules.

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38 *Consensus was reached that the City should not move forward with leasing Mr. Wert’s*  
39 *property.*

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41 **Rick Roderick** introduced Mr. Antoine LaFontont from the Boy Scouts to discuss the  
42 upcoming event at the Mission Inn on March 26, 2010.

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44 **Antoine LaFontont** asked for Minneola’s support by sponsoring a table for \$500 to  
45 support the Boy Scouts.

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47 **Mayor Pat Kelley** asked for time to discuss and get back with Mr. LaFontont.  
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1 **Rick Roderick** introduced Jim Gearhart, City Council member from Groveland.  
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3 **Jim Gearhart** asked for the City's support for a joint venture with a company called  
4 Buxton that helps Cities with marketing demographics to bring in target businesses for  
5 economic growth. Jim stated that Groveland alone would be 50K and joining with  
6 Minneola could bring the cost down for both participants and suggested the company  
7 come and do an informational presentation.  
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9 *Council agreed to look into the possibility of a joint venture.*  
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11 **Rick Roderick** stated that the P&Z board compensation was too low and should be  
12 increased to \$75 - \$100 for each member.  
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14 **Victor Ortega** shared that the Business Owner Success Summit website was up and  
15 running and the Lake County EDC was updating the City Profile sheets.  
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17 **Kelly Price** shared she was working with Lt. Link on neighborhood watch and clean-up  
18 on Chester Street.  
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20 **Joe Saunders** reported that the County would begin working on a traffic light at Old  
21 Hwy 50 and Turkey Farm next week and the installation should be complete by April  
22 with no cost for the city.  
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24 **Mayor Kelley** reported that this past weekend he went to Homestead with the League of  
25 Mayors to bring awareness to the troops overseas.  
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27 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
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29 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Kelly Price to approve the council**  
30 **meeting minutes from January 12<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and February 2 as written.**  
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32 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Price, Saunders  
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34 **NAY:** None  
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36 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**  
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38 **Tab 2 Consent Agenda**  
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40 **Scott Gerken** read the following Ordinances by title only for the second time.  
41 • Ordinance 2010-06 Use of City Logo  
42 • Ordinance 2009-24 Window Signs – LDR Amendment  
43 • Ordinance 2009-26 Placement of Sheds – LDR Amendment  
44 • Ordinance 2009-28 Architectural & Site Standards – LDR Amendment  
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1 **MOTION by Kelly Price, SECONDED by Victor Ortega to approve all 4 of the**  
2 **Ordinances listed in the Consent Agenda as written.**

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

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6 **NAY:** None

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8 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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10 **Mayor Kelley** stated that the next 4 items listed would be closed to public comment for  
11 time sake; the items were for council discussion only.

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13 **Tab 3 Budget Snapshot**

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15 **Laura Zielonka** shared that the City's projected shortfall in revenues for FY11 was  
16 \$590,000. She asked for direction and presented 3 options for discussion.

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18 **Mayor Kelley** stated he was against raising taxes and against a rollback.

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20 **Rick Roderick** stated he was against raising taxes and asked for staff to work the issue  
21 and come up with options to save the money, internal checks and balances and report  
22 back.

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24 **Victor Ortega** stated he would like to avoid raising taxes and stated that the city could  
25 cut back the \$470,000 or more in expenses without him getting involved in the day to day  
26 issues.

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28 **Kelly Price** stated that she does not want to raise taxes and the city should come up with  
29 enough cuts without cutting safety services.

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31 **Joe Saunders** stated that we may need to consider raising taxes to keep the city  
32 operating, and agreed that a starting point would be for the acting City Manager along  
33 with staff to look for the cuts without touching the fire department or police departments.

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35 **Jan McDaniel** stated that we can not cut services to the citizens and she would work with  
36 staff to see where cuts could be made.

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38 **Mayor Kelley** reiterated that council would not decide who or what would be cut and he  
39 directed the Acting City Manager to find the \$470,000 shortfall without raising taxes and  
40 without impacting public safety or services that directly affect the citizens.

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42 **Tab 4 City Manager Candidates**

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44 **Jan McDaniel** requested direction from Council on their decision for offering the City  
45 Manager position to any of the three candidates interviewed last week.

1 **Council Comments:**

- 2 • **Rick Roderick** stated he was not interested in any of the three interviewed, nor  
3 any of the others recommended by the Range Riders. He explained he did not  
4 believe any were a good fit for the City and would not recommend any of the  
5 candidates.
- 6 • **Victor Ortega** questioned the need for a City Manager at this time and stated that  
7 in his scoring system Mr. David Greene was scored the highest; stated he had also  
8 consulted with staff members, who also rated Mr. Greene the highest; but would  
9 not make a recommendation at this time.
- 10 • **Kelly Price** stated she was not impressed with any of the candidates although Mr.  
11 Greene seemed to be the best qualified.
- 12 • **Joe Saunders** explained his concerns with the candidates and stated that out of  
13 the three Mr. Greene might be leader for the staff and citizens but not the right fit  
14 for the Council.
- 15 • **Pat Kelley** stated he was not impressed with any of the three candidates and  
16 asked what would be the next step.
- 17 • **Rick Roderick** stated the City should hire the former Lake County Manager  
18 Cindy Hall as the Interim Manager and if she did not accept it is still the  
19 responsibility of the Council to choose a leader for the City. He suggested the  
20 Mayor become more involved with the administration of the City.

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22 **Scott Gerken** cautioned Council on crossing the line by interfering with the  
23 administration of the City.

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25 **Pat Kelley** stated Council had already consented to allow staff to take the necessary  
26 actions.

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28 **Tab 5 LCSB Utility Agreement**

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30 **Scott Gerken** explained the agreement and requested council approval prior to the school  
31 board approval.

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33 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Kelly Price to approve the Lake**  
34 **County School Board Utility Agreement as written.**

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

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38 **NAY:** None

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40 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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42 *A ten minute break was called at 7:55 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.*

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44 **Tab 6 US 27 Water Line Project**

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46 **Mark Jacobson** explained the need for water lines to be included in the US Hwy. 27  
47 utility project and stated the funding would be taken from the utility fund.

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2 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Victor Ortega to accept the US 27**  
3 **water line project by Mercon to do both wastewater and water, and using the water**  
4 **portion cost out of the \$1.7 million utility reserve.**

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6 **Mayor Kelley** reminded staff to continue to look for grant money/stimulus monies to  
7 fund the project.

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

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11 **NAY:** None

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13 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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15 **Tab 7 Ordinance 2010-07 Franchise Agreement Apopka Gas**

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17 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2010-07 by title only for the first time and explained an  
18 agreement had been in place since the early 1960's and expires every 10 years, and this  
19 Ordinance would be a renewal.

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21 **David Yeager** (Minneola resident) questioned why the public had not been asked to  
22 speak on the previous items.

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24 The Council meeting was briefly adjourned due to a citizen demanding to speak on the  
25 discussion items and complaining that public input on Ordinance 2010-07 had been  
26 skipped over.

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28 The meeting was called back to order by **Mayor Kelley**.

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30 **Scott Gerken** explained the general rules for public input and encouraged civility.

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32 **Mayor Kelley** apologized for not asking for public comment on the Ordinance and asked  
33 for public comments for Ordinance 2010-07. There were no comments.

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35 *First reading; no action taken.*

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37 **Tab 8 Land Use / Annexed Properties**

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39 **Tim Green** (Green Consulting Group) explained that three annexed properties within the  
40 City of Minneola and stated that those properties, unless changed by the City, would be  
41 under the County's land use regulations when those properties were developed. He  
42 explained the three properties include the Claude Smoak property, aka KB Homes  
43 (206.82 acres); the former Harb Brother's property (377.88 acres); and the City's  
44 Wastewater Treatment Plan property (30.75 acres). He asked if it was Council's wishes  
45 to move forward with transmitting to DCA to include these properties in the City's  
46 Comprehensive Plan. He also spoke briefly on Amendment 4 which would be going to  
47 the voters in November.

1 **Mayor Kelley** asked for public input; there were no comments.

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3 *Council comments:*

4 **Mayor Kelley** expressed support in having the properties under the City's comp plan.

5 **Rick Roderick** expressed concern with the upcoming Amendment 4.

6 **Victor Ortega** asked if there was time for the City to get the comprehensive amendment approved prior to the possible passage of Amendment 4.

7 **Kelly Price** agreed to move forward with the transmittals.

8 **Joe Saunders** also agreed to move forward with the transmittals.

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11 *Consensus of Council was for the Planning Department to move forward with the*  
12 *submittals to DCA.*

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14 **David Yeager** (Minneola resident) explained that the interest of the City needs to be protected and urged the Council to move forward with getting the properties in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

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18 **Tab 10 Ordinance 2010-04 Bosserman Annexation & Rezoning (Quasi-Judicial**  
19 **Hearing @ 8:40 p.m.**

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21 **Tab 9 Variance Extension U-Haul Property – US Hwy 27**

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23 **Laura Jones** explained the request for an extension of 18 months of a variance which would expire March 3, 2010.

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26 **Mayor Kelley** asked for public comments.

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28 **David Yeager** (Minneola resident) noted the County had recently stopped impact fees for one year and urged the City to be aggressive and to help the owner by granting the request.

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32 **Ramon Flores** requested the Council consider the much needed improvement to the property and supported the extension.

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35 *Council comments;*

- 36 • **Rick Roderick** had no comments.
- 37 • **Victor Ortega** stated he believed the City should help the owner by extending the variance.
- 38 • **Kelly Price** had no problem with the request.
- 39 • **Joe Saunders** asked if there were any issues should the request be granted.  
40 *Laura Jones replied that there were no issues.*
- 41 • **Pat Kelley** had no comments.

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44 **MOTION by Kelly Price, SECONDED by Joe Saunders to approve agenda item**  
45 **Tab 9 the Variance Extension for 18 months.**

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

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2 **NAY:** None

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4 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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6 **Tab 11 Ordinance 2010-05 Bosserman LSCPA**  
7 (Pulled from the agenda for future meeting)

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9 **Tab 12 Spiro's Fine Cars – Site Plan (Quasi-Judicial Hearing @ 9:00 P.M.)**

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11 **FINAL COMMENTS:**

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13 **Rick Roderick** thanked the City for allowing him to attend Lake County Day's in  
14 Tallahassee and briefly reported on his trip and requested the P&Z Board stipend be  
15 raised from \$50.00 per meeting to \$100.00.

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17 **Victor Ortega** agreed that the trip to Tallahassee was a great experience; noted there was  
18 some junk mail being delivered to the residents regarding the water; and noted a concern  
19 from a neighbor regarding another approved tattoo parlor and requested an item Minneola  
20 Profile be added to the next agenda.

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22 **Kelly Price** had no comments.

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24 **Joe Saunders** had no comments.

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26 **Mayor Kelley** replied to Mr. Roderick's request to increase the P & Z Board stipend and  
27 asked that the subject be addressed at budget time; reported on his trip to Tallahassee and  
28 spoke on the process of getting with the correct contacts to get the correction institute on  
29 City utilities; and apologized on missing the public input sections earlier in the meeting.

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31 **Victor Ortega** expressed merit to the Mayor for the way he handled the meeting this  
32 evening.

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

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36 *The meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.*

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Mayor Pat Kelley

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41 **ATTEST:**  
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43 Jan McDaniel, CMC

