

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

Aug. 3, 2010
6:30 P.M.

5 The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Present
6 were: Councilman Rick Roderick, Councilman Victor Ortega, Councilman Joseph
7 Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), and Jan McDaniel (City Clerk/ Acting City
8 Manager). Vice Mayor Kelly Price was excused by a motion.
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10 A moment of silence was observed and the Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Councilman
11 Saunders.
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13 **Mayor Kelley** requested a motion to excuse Ms. Price from the meeting.
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15 **MOTION by Victor Ortega, SECONDED by Rick Roderick to excuse Vice Mayor**
16 **Price from today's meeting.**
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18 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Saunders
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20 **NAY:** None
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22 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**
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24 **AGENDA REVIEW**
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26 **Scott Gerken** stated that Ordinance 2010-17 & Ordinance 2010-18 would need to be
27 tabled to the next meeting.
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29 **MOTION by Victor Ortega, SECONDED by Joe Saunders to table to August 17,**
30 **2010 both Ordinances; Ordinance 2010-17 first reading and Ordinance 2010-18 first**
31 **reading.**
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33 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Saunders
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35 **NAY:** None
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37 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**
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39 **Scott Gerken** then stated two items would be added to this agenda; 1) the City Managers
40 Contract; 2) Appointment of council member to serve on the Groveland ISBA.
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42 **AUDIENCE TO BE HEARD**
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44 **Sandra Oliver** (Minneola resident) informed Council of the serious traffic issues
45 surrounding the schools at drop off and pick up time. She asked that the Council
46 sincerely consider the problems of the residents of the area. She stated that the residents
47 have problems getting to and from their homes and offered suggestions as to how to fix
48 the problem.

1 **Alan Swank** (Minneola resident) informed Council that he had recently received a ticket
2 trying to get to his home.

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4 **Rick Roderick** stated he would contact Harry Fix and Cindy Barrows regarding the
5 problems.

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7 Discussion continued by the Council and it was determined for the Acting City Manager
8 to meet with the school principle and the sheriff's office.

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10 **Gary Tolley** (Minneola resident) stated that he believed the Mayor had behaved
11 inappropriately at the last meeting by allowing the Planning Consultant to speak on hiring
12 his firm and for his comments regarding a map referring to the MAC site. He urged the
13 other Council members to stop that type of behavior.

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15 **Allen Swank** (Minneola resident) asked where he could get information on the
16 candidates running for office.

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18 **Rick Roderick** suggested Mr. Swank go to the candidate website.

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20 **Item 1 (added at agenda review)**

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22 **Scott Gerken** explained that Mr. Johnson was present to discuss his contract (exhibit A)
23 with the Council. He further explained the requested changes as the length of the
24 contract to be two years, a minimum of one year severance package during the first two
25 years; and after that a six month severance package. He further explained that if Mr.
26 Johnson was dismissed "with cause" no severance would be paid.

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28 **Council Comments:**

29 **Rick Roderick** stated he believed it was a fair contract.

30 **Victor Ortega** stated he did not want to make changes from the original offer.

31 **Joe Saunders** stated he would be open to discussion for approval.

32 **Mayor Kelley** expressed concerns with the pay increase, the increase of the severance
33 package payout time to six months and the sick day bank.

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35 **Scott Gerken** reminded Council that three votes were needed to approve the contract.

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37 A general discussion pursued regarding the contract.

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39 **Mark Johnson** (City Manager candidate) apologized for the delay with the contract and
40 expressed his concern based on the city's track record, with the three month's salary
41 severance package.

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43 A lengthy discussion continued regarding terms of the contract. It was also suggested
44 that the decision be tabled until a full Council was present as well as the terms of the
45 contract.

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47 **Mark Johnson** informed Council of some of his future plans and goals for the City.

1 **Mayor Kelley** called a fifteen minute recess to allow each Council Member time to speak
2 with Mr. Johnson.

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4 **Mayor Kelley** asked the Council for their comments following their discussions with Mr.
5 Johnson.

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7 **Mayor Kelley** stated he now understood the miscommunication regarding the annual
8 salary, and that he would agree to an \$85,000.00 annual salary, and the six months
9 severance package.

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11 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Joe Saunders to approve the contract**
12 **as proposed with two changes: 1) the deletion of the reimbursement of the \$5,000.00**
13 **of relocation expenses; and 2) if terminated within the first two years of the contract**
14 **without cause the City would pay the balance remaining of that two year term, or**
15 **six months salary which ever is greater.**

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17 **Joe Saunders** asked what the managers start date would be.

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19 **Mayor Kelley** stated he would like him to be here for the first meeting in September and
20 also requested an all day workshop to discuss the budget.

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22 Council determined a budget workshop would be held on Saturday, Aug. 14th at 9:00 a.m.
23 and the City Manager's start date would be Sept. 7th.

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25 *(vote on above motion)*

26 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Saunders

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28 **NAY:** None

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30 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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32 **Item 2**

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34 **Scott Gerken** requested the Council appoint a liaison to the Groveland ISBA committee.
35 He stated the meetings are held during the day.

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37 **MOTION by Rick Roderick, SECONDED by Victor Ortega to appoint Councilman**
38 **Saunders to the Interlocal Service Boundary Area committee.**

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40 **AYE:** Roderick, Ortega, Kelley, Saunders

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42 **NAY:** None

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44 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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46 **REPORTS**

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48 **Laura Zielonka** stated she would answer questions should Council have any.

1 **Mayor Kelley** asked if the amended FY11 proposed budget included a reduction of cost
2 for the sheriff's contract.

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4 **Laura Zielonka** responded the sheriff's office had advised that the contract would be for
5 \$1.3 million without reduction of officers on the street.

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7 **COUNCIL REPORTS:**

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9 **Rick Roderick** spoke about the morale of the city workforce and expressed his concerns.

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11 **Victor Ortega** agreed that staff layoff had been unfortunate. He commented on the
12 City's Facebook page and suggested the Council and staff work together on social media.
13 He also requested an "honorable mention" for the success of the BOSS to Sam Oppelaar
14 and Kat Hiatt for the Sept. 9th meeting.

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16 **Joe Saunders** had no report.

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18 **Mayor Kelley** stated he had been contacted by a church regarding renting space for
19 services. He also informed Council that Lake County Schools were looking for mentor
20 volunteers. He stated he would support anyone, including staff, who wanted to volunteer.

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22 **Scott Gerken** cautioned Council that the City would need to be fair to all requests if we
23 opened the door for church type rentals.

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25 **MOTION by Victor Ortega, SECONDED by Joe Saunders to adjourn.**

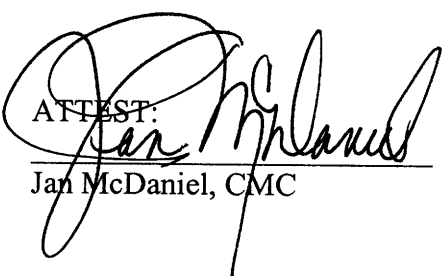
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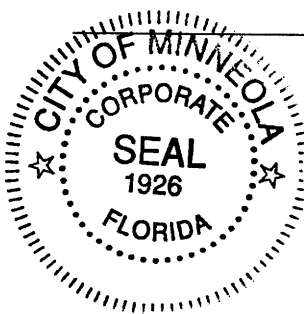
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29 **NAY:** None


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31 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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33 *The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.*

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42 **ATTEST:**

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Jan McDaniel, CMC





Mayor Pat Kelley