

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
August 4, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Lisa Jones, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Christina Stidham (City Clerk). Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all present were practicing “social distancing” by remaining at least six feet apart in the council chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by an attending Boy Scout.

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor Kelley passed the gavel to **Vice Mayor Serviss**.

MOTION by Mayor Kelley SECONDED by Councilor Price, to remove Item 4 – Ordinance 2020-14 – Term Lengths from the Agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Daniel Smith, resident, asked why Item 4 was removed after it was specifically asked to be discussed at this meeting.

Gustavo Ortiz, resident, expressed disappointment in removing Item 4 from the agenda.

Mayor Kelley stated he requested it be removed after discussing it in length and receiving feedback from residents.

Mark Johnson explained that Council discusses these kinds of items periodically and the public sentiment doesn’t appear to be there at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2020****Item 2: Purchase Request – Wastewater Sludge Hauling Services – Budgeted****Item 3: Purchase Request – Peroxide Fogging System – Grant Funded**

Councilor Jones requested the Minutes be revised as they were really light in comparison to previous Minutes. She said the Minutes were falling short as far as discussion in regard to the conversations and would like them revised accordingly.

MOTION by Councilor Jones, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the Minutes which are to be revised and brought up for approval at the next meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Mayor Kelley asked for public comments.

Councilor Jones requested to make a comment as a member of the public. She requested her comments be entered into the Minutes and recorded in the public record.

Mayor Kelley requested **Councilor Jones** provide an electronic copy of her comments for the record and make her statement at the end of the meeting during Council comments.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**Item 4 – Ordinance 2020-14 – Term Lengths – First Reading**

Removed from the Agenda under Agenda Review.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

REPORTS

Mark Johnson:

- Safe Night Out Planning
 - Options for an Alternative Ideas
 - Will need to contract out the planning
- Parade Possibly without Santa's Workshop

Scott Gerken:

- Verified that Council may change the election date for future elections by City Ordinance without a Referendum if they choose to do so in the future.
- Districting will be advertised for the 2nd Reading on August 18, 2020
- Requested general direction regarding the golf cart ordinance and asked if the council wished to move forward or put that on hold?
 - **Mayor Kelley** commented that we should wait on the golf cart issue until the city grows more.

Vice Mayor Serviss:

- Commented that P & Z discussed the golf cart issue, stated we need to communicate that safety is a huge issue and that currently only low speed vehicles (LSVs) are allowed, and asked **Mark Johnson** to post information on the website and social media regarding LSVs.
 - **Council Consensus** was to put the golf cart issue on hold for the time being.
- Reported that the P. & Z. commission consensus was to move meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
 - **Council Consensus** was to allow the P. & Z. commission meetings to move to 6:30 p.m.
- Explained that the P. & Z. commission discussed what could be done to extend help to businesses with everything going on and that Ramon Flores, code enforcement officer, had mentioned to the P. & Z. commission that the City is being lenient with the code enforcement as much as possible and the South Lake Chamber Commerce also has information on their website.
 - **Gustavo Ortiz**, resident, spoke regarding the economy and looking at what we can do as a City to help our local businesses such as incentives to hire Minneola residents.
- Mentioned waiving late fees.

Councilor Jones:

- Read her statement addressing the city council regarding her passion and persistence as well as feeling disrespected by other members of council.
 - **Vice Mayor Serviss** spoke regarding Councilor Jones feeling disrespected by Council, explained that we have had our bad days on council, stated there were days where she also felt disrespected but we worked through it, and expressed the importance of getting along and moving forward.
- **Councilor Jones** stated she is a proponent of term limits, explained that she has been considering when to term herself out for a while now to give others the opportunity to serve, and announced that she will not be running again.

MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

