

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
January 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Serviss, Councilor Debbie Flinn, 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 Vice Mayor Serviss.

AGENDA REVIEW

Vice Mayor Serviss requested to move Item 9: Refuse Collection Permit Discussion to be heard before Item: 5: Ordinance 2021-01.

Mark Johnson requested Council postpone Item 4: Fire Department Surplus Equipment until the next meeting.

Mayor Kelley commented that the reason for postponing Item 4: Fire Department Surplus Equipment is that it requires a full council for approval.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to excuse Kelly Price’s absence from the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2021

Item 2: Commercial Turbine Blower Purchase Request – Budgeted

Item 3: Minneola Trail Landscaping Purchase Request – Budgeted

Item 4: Fire Department Surplus Equipment

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Consent Agenda Item 1 – City Council Meeting Minutes for January 5, 2021, Item 2 – Commercial Turbine Blower Purchase Request, and Item 3 – Minneola Trail Landscaping Purchase Request.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**Item 9: Refuse Collection Permit Discussion**

Mayor Kelley opened the discussion about the current ordinance requiring a \$2,500 permit to provide refuse collection service in Minneola, and the difficulties enforcing this equitably among haulers. He suggested enforcing it or changing the ordinance.

Vice Mayor Serviss commented regarding developers paying for new growth and adding fees to permits.

Scott Gerken explained that many haulers are not getting the permit, thus not paying the fee. When the ordinance was initially drafted it was for household garbage haulers. This was before we contracted our exclusive franchise hauler, so that isn't an issue today.

Councilor Saunders suggested the fee be attached to the project or house during permitting.

Mayor Kelley suggested voiding the \$2,500.00 fee and attaching a smaller fee to permits.

Councilor Saunders agreed with Mayor Kelley, commenting the cost of a residential dumpster for demolition is probably only \$200-\$300.

Council discussed their options moving forward.

88 **Scott Gerken** suggested keeping a registration process in place to know who is doing business in
89 the City as well as lowering the fee.

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91 **Mayor Kelley** asked if council could suspend collection of the current fee.

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93 **Scott Gerken** confirmed council was within their authority to suspend the current fee.

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95 **Public Comment**

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97 **David Yeager, County resident and Minneola business owner**, spoke regarding the refuse
98 business. He commented in favor of charging a fee per lot through permitting.

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100 **MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to place a 90-day**
101 **moratorium on collecting fees and issuing refuse permits addressed in City Code Chapter**
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104 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

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106 **NAY:** None

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108 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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110 **Council consensus** was that the city attorney review potential solutions and bring any necessary
111 revisions to the planning & zoning commission for their recommendations within the next 60 days.

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113 **Item 5: Ordinance 2021-01 – Outside A.T.M. Machines –2nd Reading**

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115 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2021-01 by title only.

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117 **Joyce Heffington** explained the only change since first reading was wording to ensure all A.T.M.s
118 being installed will be required to go through the site plan process.

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120 **Public Comment**

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122 There were no comments.

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124 **MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve Ordinance**
125 **2021-01 – Outside A.T.M. Machines.**

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127 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

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129 **NAY:** None

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131 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

Item 6: The Reserve at Lake Ridge – Final Plat

Joyce Heffington commented that all items have been addressed and it is ready for approval.

Public Comment

There were no comments

MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to approve The Reserve at Lake Ridge Final Plat.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 7: Ordinance 2020-15 – Causey Road Annexation – First Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-15 by title only. This is first reading, so no vote is required.

Item 8: Ordinance 2020-16 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment – First Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-16 by title only. This is first reading, so no vote is required.

Joyce Heffington explained that this is for annexation and zoning, but that the applicant will still need to go through the site plan process.

Scott Gerken commented that the City currently has a limited number of land use classes and we don't have a light industrial classification. We may need to go through the uses to determine if there are uses that won't work.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

REPORTS**Mark Johnson:**

- Announced the City received a Minneola CARES Act thank you card from a resident
- Updated council on the Publix concrete pour status
- Asked for confirmation that the council no longer wishes to purchase the property behind Chuck's Automotive
 - Council confirmed they do not wish to pursue purchase of the property at this time


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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

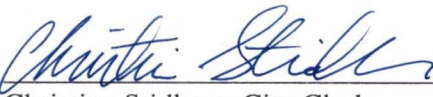
MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:13 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

