

**Minneola City Council  
Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
July 20, 2021 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 Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Kristine Thompson (Planning Technician).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Serviss.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no changes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**PRESENTATION**

**Item 1: Outdoor Living Pro/Artificial Grass Pros**

**Mayor Kelley** explained the presentation was to consider upgrading the City's dog park by installing artificial turf.

**Alex Garrao**, with Outdoor Living Pro, provided the presentation. He stated they have a showroom on the corner of Highway 27 and Education Ave. He provided a demonstration on how the artificial turf and subbase drains more effectively than natural sod.

**Mayor Kelley** asked if they need to scrape back 8 inches of ground to install the artificial sod.

**Alex Garrao** confirmed it would be 6 to 8 inches, depending on the grade.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Mayor Kelley** asked how the turf handles leaves dropping.

47 **Alex Garrao** explained that due to the number of trees on the site, the area would need to be blown  
48 off once a week.

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50 **Mayor Kelley** asked how the turf would be installed along the fence line.

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52 **Alex Garrao** confirmed the turf would be flush with the existing sidewalk.

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54 **Mayor Kelley** asked what the timeframe would be for installation.

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56 **Alex Garrao** commented that they have 16 staff members and they could have it done within a  
57 week or two.

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59 **Mayor Kelley** asked Mark Johnson for his opinion.

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61 **Mark Johnson** expressed concern with the cost of repairs to the turf when it is damaged and  
62 uncollected pet messes.

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64 **Councilor Saunders** asked how much installing artificial sod will cost.

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66 **Vice Mayor Serviss** was hesitant to answer since there are two other possible vendors who have  
67 yet submitted quotes.

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69 **Mayor Kelley** stated it would be more than \$100,000.

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71 Discussion following regarding how the turf is installed and repaired if necessary.

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73 **Councilor Saunders** asked if the artificial turf has an odor.

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75 **Alex Garrao** stated this turf is designed for canine applications which has a special infill that gets  
76 broomed into the fibers of the turf. The infill is made of volcano ash which neutralizes ammonia.

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78 **Mayor Kelley** asked how often the volcanic ash needs to be reapplied.

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80 **Alex Garrao** stated every three to five years.

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82 Discussion followed regarding various ways the turf could be damaged and the warranty policy.

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84 **Mr. Garrao** stated if an area was burnt this would not be covered under the warranty, but they  
85 would be willing to fix the area if it is small at no cost with left over material. He also stated any  
86 messes left behind by pets would be washed away by rain.

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88 **CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

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90 **Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2021**

91 **Item 3: City Council Special Meeting Minutes for June 29, 2021**

92 **Item 4: City Council Workshop Minutes for June 29, 2021**

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**MOTION by Councilor Saunders, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve the City Manager's Consent Agenda.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS****Item 5: Ardmore Reserve Phase 6 Final Plat**

**Joyce Heffington** stated this is the final phase of Ardmore Reserve. It contains 113 lots and staff recommends approval.

**Public Comment**

**Ronald Carron**, City resident, stated he lives in Quail Valley north of Ardmore Reserve and has a concern with the open space between his property and this project. He stated the area behind the retaining wall is not being maintained.

**Doug Beasley**, Project Manager for Hanover Capital Partners (Developers of Ardmore Reserve), stated this area was not being maintained during construction but maintenance will begin once the plat is recorded and the H.O.A. takes over.

**MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to approve Ardmore Reserve Phase 6 Plat.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**Item 6: Resolution 2021-09 – Fire Protection Assessment**

**Scott Gerken** read the resolution by title and stated this was the annual reading of the Fire Assessment Resolution and there was no increase to the assessment this year.

**MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to approve Resolution 2021-09 – Fire Protection Assessment.**

139 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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141 **NAY:** None

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143 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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145 **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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147 There were no comments.

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149 **REPORTS**

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151 **Mark Johnson:**

- 152 • A Planning and Zoning Commissioner and resident asked about backflows being installed  
153 underground. They would like to see backflows for all new construction developments be  
154 installed below ground only.  
155 ○ **Doug Beasley** stated if given the option, they would put it in the ground or behind the  
156 house.  
157 • **Mark Johnson** asked Doug Beasley if now that they know they have a choice, will they be  
158 installing them below ground.  
159 ○ **Doug Beasley** stated this would be a discussion for Colby.

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161 **Scott Gerken:**

- 162 • Confirmed the City has a fully signed contract for the purchase of Chuck's Automotive.  
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164 **MOTION by Councilor Kelly, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to adjourn the meeting.**

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166 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders


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170 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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Pat Kelley, Mayor

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Christina Stidham, City Clerk

