

**Minneola City Council
Minutes
Minneola City Hall
October 19, 2021
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 Christina Stidham (City Clerk).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

There were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

Item 1: Red Ribbon Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelley read the Red Ribbon Week Proclamation proclaiming October 23 - 31, 2021, as Red Ribbon Week in the City of Minneola, Florida.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes from October 5, 2021

Item 3: South Lake Regional Technical Advisory Committee – Interlocal Agreement Amendment

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**Item 4: Public Safety Complex Construction Project – Bid Award**

Mark Johnson explained that after awarding the bid to the lowest bidder, the bidder stated prices had gone up and they could not fulfill their obligation at their original bid price. This request is to award the project to Marbek Construction, Inc. which is the next lowest responsive bidder.

Scott Gerken announced for full disclosure that his legal firm has a conflict regarding Evergreen Construction, Inc. (not representing Evergreen or the City), who was the lowest bidder, as their firm has done work for them in the past. Therefore, he cannot be involved in the dispute with Evergreen Construction, Inc. but that the City has outside counsel advising them.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve the Public Safety Complex Construction Project bid award to Marbek Construction, Inc. subject to successful construction contract negotiations with the company.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Item 5: Ordinance 2021-23 – Home Occupations – 1st Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2021-23 by title only. As this is first reading, no vote is necessary.

Joyce Heffington explained that this ordinance is in response to legislation passed by the Florida Legislature preventing the City and other local governments from prohibiting home-based businesses operating in residentially zoned areas. Business Tax Receipts can still be charged. We are still able to regulate these businesses similar to commercial zoning regarding noise, parking, waste, etc. Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended changes, so home-based businesses must abide by other regulations that other businesses are required to abide by such as payment of commercial refuse fees if they generate a lot of waste.

Scott Gerken clarified that this legislation does not change or prevent the Homeowner's Associations authority from regulating or prohibiting home-based businesses in their subdivisions.

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

REPORTS

Mark Johnson reported:

- Request to hold the South Avenue workshop on January 11, 2022 and the Pine Bluff H.O.A. workshop at a later date.
 - Council agreed.
- The hole on U.S. Highway 27 at Education Ave. was repaired by F.D.O.T.
- Fire Department selling tee-shirts for cancer.
- Roadway resurfacing plan isn't necessary at this time due to the size of the City; however, we do repave roads as necessary.

Scott Gerken reported:

- Property next to city hall closed and is now owned by the City.

Vice Mayor Serviss

- Spoke about Kids' Safe Night Out and the Christmas Parade confirming dates and times.
- Mentioned the fundraiser for fallen officers will be held at the Minneola Athletic Complex on November 6, 2021.

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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

(Meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

