

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
August 16, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola City 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 Kristine Thompson (City Clerk).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:30

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.

Mayor Kelley spoke about Councilor Kelly Price's retirement and resignation from City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Darrin Pirkey, 3387 Grassy Lake View Ave., spoke about water lines in the area of the Overlook at Grassy Lake subdivision.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes

Item 2: City Council Workshop Minutes

Item 3: Purchase Request – Tower Truck Equipment

Item 4: The Hills of Minneola Area 2 Pod 1 Phase 2 Park Site Plan Extension

MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss to approve the City Manager's Consent Agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**Item 5: Discussion – Update of the Carpeting and Chairs in City Hall Council Chambers**

Mayor Kelley spoke about replacing the carpet and seating in the council chambers.

It was decided that Vice Mayor Serviss and Councilor Flinn would work with staff to assist in selecting new carpeting and seating for the council chambers. They acknowledged that they would be careful to not meet together to discuss any City business that may come before Council and to not otherwise violate the Sunshine Law.

Mayor Kelley suggested giving city staff a \$500 bonus due to staff filling in the gaps created by increased workload and labor shortages.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn to approve a \$500 bonus for all city staff.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 6: Interlocal Agreement Amendment – Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds

Mark Johnson explained the City of Minneola recently entered an interlocal agreement with Lake County for the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to install water and wastewater mains, residential service lines, as well as other infrastructure for nearby residences in unincorporated Minneola including the Plum Lake Subdivision. Since that time, engineers determined there is not sufficient wastewater line capacity to include the Plum Lake Subdivision on the wastewater main that runs along Education Ave. Consequently, staff asked Lake County to consider shifting the funding allocation to the other two projects to allow for the installation of wastewater mains and to help cover the material cost increases for the remaining projects.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn to an Interlocal Agreement Amendment for the Disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

REPORTS**Mark Johnson**

- Stated The Reserve at Lake Ridge Phase 2 will be moving dirt to the neighboring property to store for future use.
- The University of Florida Agriculture Extension Office has offered to help staff plant wildflowers at the property located at 404 S. Highway 27 (the Chucks Automotive Service Center, Inc. site) since the previous building on the site has been demolished.
- Del Webb has withdrawn their variance request for a 30-foot retaining wall and will build a series of 6-foot retaining walls instead.
- Advent Health is requesting a workshop to go over their concept plan.
 - Mayor Kelley stated this could be held in the month of September, he suggested holding it on the second Tuesday of the month.
- Advised council that TRIM (Truth in Millage) notices would be mailed out to the city residents today.
- BEBR (Bureau of Economic and Business Research) has provided their 2022 population estimate for Minneola at 16,446 people.

Scott Gerken

- Spoke about a Lake County resident, Dr. Casavant, who lives at 16410 Lakeshore Dr. near Minneola's limits. He stated Dr. Casavant has encountered some issues with the State of Florida regarding a seawall he has installed. There is some discrepancy as to who owns the land underneath the seawall. The State of Florida believes the City of Minneola maintains ownership of this property. Dr. Casavant is requesting an easement from the City where his seawall is located. The City does not believe it owns the property (that the State was confusing old jurisdictional boundaries with ownership) but is not opposed to assist by providing an easement provided it does not warrant nor claim any interest in title and Dr. Casavant provides insurance and indemnification in favor of the City.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn to grant Dr. Casavant an easement over the property where his seawall is located at 16140 Lakeshore Dr. in Lake County.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 3-0

Mayor Kelley abstained from voting citing a conflict.

- Scott Gerken spoke about candidate qualifying.

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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:03 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

