

**Minneola City Council Workshop Minutes  
July 09, 2019 at 6:30 PM  
Minneola City Hall**

The City of Minneola Council Workshop Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Lisa Jones, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), April Sheppard (Acting City Clerk). Councilor Kelly Price was absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Kelley** called the meeting to order.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Item 1: Discuss Current and Future Projects.**

**Council and staff** discussed current and future city-driven project priorities including, but not limited to legislative, operational, and infrastructure projects. A list of projects was given as a handout at the meeting.

Public comments during the workshop were heard from **Daniel Smith**, city resident and alternate planning and zoning commissioner, **Nathan Focht**, county resident, and **Denise Pierre-Benoist**, city resident.

**Businesses projects** are making good progress. Popeye's Restaurant has withdrawn for reasons unknown at this time.

**Residential homes projects** were discussed. Holden Ridge town homes and the Minneola Hills apartments are ready to start.

**Fire Chief Otero** provided an update on the Overlook project. He stated the fire hydrant issues are resolved, there are still some restrictions on some lots, but options are available.

**School expansion projects** were reviewed including Pinecrest Lakes and Minneola Charter. The addition of the Sugarloaf school is to be platted later.

**Mayor Kelley** stated a meeting is needed with the Lake County School Board regarding the Hills of Minneola School five-year capital plan.

**Parks projects** were next on the list with Trailhead Park progressing well. The R.F.P. for the splash pad is expected soon.

**Vice Mayor Serviss** requested further discussion for the May Griffith Park.

**Municipality projects** update included the sale of the Shamrock Automotive property, on Highway 27, closed. The property will be the new location for public works.

**Mayor Kelley** estimated a budget of between \$200,000 and \$300,000 may be needed to make improvements to the new facility. He stated the old public works area should be demolished within a four-year window to make future grant-funded improvements.

**Mark Johnson** also briefed council on the fire station construction project, fire assessment fee update, and the fire impact fee update.

**Mayor Kelley** requested a budget meeting to be determined at the next city council meeting.

**Mayor Kelley** explained the Citrus Grove Road, Phase 1, project is expected to be completed by October, 2019.

**Utilities projects** were reviewed and the septic to sewer project discussed.

Council Consensus for the prioritization of City projects included the completion of the current Trailhead Park amenities, completion of the Downtown Septic-to-Sewer Phase 1 project, then concentrate on replacing the concrete water lines and begin design of the Downtown Septic-to-Sewer Phase 2 project. The best use for the May Griffith Park will be determined at a later date.

#### **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Mayor Kelley** announced he has been nominated to the Board of Directors of the Florida League of Mayors.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Jones, to adjourn.**

**AYE:** Serviss, Jones, Kelley, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

*(Meeting adjourned at 8:42 P.M.)*

  
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Pat Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
April Sheppard, Interim City Clerk

