

**Minneola City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
August 18, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Councilor Lisa Jones, Councilor Joe Saunders, Grant Watson (Associate 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 6:34 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by an attending Boy Scout.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**Vice Mayor Serviss** dialed in remotely; however, due to technical difficulties she couldn't hear the meeting and had to disconnect the call.

**MOTION by Councilor Jones SECONDED by Councilor Saunders, to move Item 13: Ordinance 2020-12 and Item 14: Ordinance 2020-13 regarding Districting up to be heard after the Consent Agenda before Item 10.**

**AYE:** Jones, Kelley, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 3-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2020**

**Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes August 4, 2020**

**Item 3: Purchase Request – Emergency Lift Station Repair – Funds Available**

**Item 4: Purchase Request – SeeClickFix Internet Service Tool – Budgeted**

**Item 5: Purchase Request – Code Enforcement Vehicle – Budgeted**

**Item 6: Purchase Request – Planning Department Plotter Scanner – Budgeted**

**Item 7: Purchase Request – Resurfacing Pearl Street – Budgeted**

**Item 8: Purchase Request – Minneola Trail Intersection Street Lighting – Budgeted**

**Item 9: Purchase Request – Library Renovation Construction Agreement - Budgeted**

**MOTION by Councilor Saunders, SECONDED by Councilor Jones, to approve the Consent Agenda with the Library Construction Agreement subject to City Manager and City Attorney review and modifications.**

**AYE:** Jones, Kelley, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 3-0**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 13: Ordinance 2020-12 – Districting Option A: Four At-Large Council Districts & At-Large Mayor – Second Reading**

**Item 14: Ordinance 2020-13 – Districting Option B: Five At-Large Council Districts Including At-Large Mayor that is Appointed – Second Reading**

**MOTION by Councilor Jones, table Item 13 and Item 14 until Thursday for a Special Meeting to allow the full Council to be present to vote. There was no Second. Motion Failed.**

**Grant Watson** read Ordinance 2020-12 by title only.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Councilor Jones** stated she supports 4 districts with 1 at-large mayor.

**MOTION by Councilor Jones, to approve Item 13: Ordinance 2020-12. There was no Second. Motion Failed.**

**Grant Watson** read Ordinance 2020-13 by title only.

**No motion was made.**

**Item 10: Ordinance 2020-03 – Updating the Standards of Commercial and Public Facility Buildings– First Reading**

**Grant Watson** read Ordinance 2020-03 by title only.

**Joyce Heffington** presented the Ordinance and explained this ordinance is just modifying the current standards primarily addressing issues with paint colors, adding public facilities to the standards, and removing reference to metal buildings.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Item 11: Ordinance 2020-04 – Updating the Final Plat Requirements– First Reading**

**Grant Watson** read Ordinance 2020-04 by title only.

**Joyce Heffington** explained that this will protect the City from any liability for infrastructure until after it has been built approved by the City.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Item 12: Ordinance 2020-07 – Updating the Sign Regulations**

**Grant Watson** read Ordinance 2020-07 by title only.

**Joyce Heffington** explained that this ordinance updates the sign regulation. It will clarify that pole signs aren't allowed by removing language from tables within the Code. It will also remove roof signs due to high winds often experienced in Florida and makes specifications for electronic sign speed and candlelight power for brightness. P & Z recommended approval.

**Public Comment**

There were no comments

**Councilor Jones** asked about vehicle signs and expressed concern that this ordinance bans them.

**Joyce Heffington** explained no changes were made regarding vehicle signs, but stated she will look into what changes may be able to be made regarding vehicle signs before second reading.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Gustavo Ortiz** spoke briefly about Districting.

**Mayor Kelly** explained neither of the Districting items moved forward.

**REPORTS****Mark Johnson:**

- Qualifying Results
- Early Voting
- Budget Hearing Dates are scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Mayor Kelley invited the Candidates to Participate in the Budget Meetings
- South Lake Trail Grant Update
- Food Donation Event
- Safe Night Out Planning
- Reserve HOA Seeking Grant for Trees
- Duke Energy Thank You note to Council
- Safety Complex Plans Update

**MOTION by Councilor Jones, SECONDED by Councilor Saunders, to adjourn the meeting.**

**AYE:** Jones, Kelley, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 3-0**

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

  
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Pat Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Christina Stidham, City Clerk

