

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
September 1, 2020 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 Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (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 6:35 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

Nathan Focht, county resident, spoke regarding the economy and concerns of a housing market collapse.

Mark Johnson explained that the City requires performance bonds to secure the City's interests.

Vance Jochim, Tavares Resident & Local Government Blogger, spoke regarding the election and commended the City for lowering the millage rate below the rollback rate.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to excuse Councilor Jones from missing the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

PRESENTATION

Item 1: Strollo Architects Presentation

Jim Strollo, of Strollo Architects, Inc. provided a presentation regarding the Public Safety Complex design and answered questions from the city council and members of the public.

PROCLAMATION

Item 2: Constitution Week Proclamation

Mayor Kelley read the Constitution Week Proclamation proclaiming September 17-23 to be Constitution Week in Minneola.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 3: City Council Meeting Minutes August 18, 2020

Item 4: Purchase Request – Records Retention FireKing Filing Cabinets – Funds Available

Item 5: Purchase Request – City Hall Generator – Federal Grant Matching Funding – Funds Available

Item 6: Interagency/ Public Works Agreement with Florida Department of Corrections

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, **SECONDED** by Councilor Price, to approve the Consent Agenda with a change to the August 18, 2020 Minutes starting on line 24 to read “Vice Mayor Serviss dialed in remotely, however due to technical difficulties she couldn’t hear the meeting and the call was disconnected due to the loss of electricity and internet.”

AYE: Serviss, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Item 7: Ordinance 2020-03 – Updating the Standards of Commercial and Public Facility Buildings – Second Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-03 by title only.

Joyce Heffington presented the Ordinance and explained the proposed ordinance will update the commercial building standards for paint colors by allowing general colors rather than specific colors.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

92 **MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve Ordinance**
93 **2020-03.**

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

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97 **NAY:** None

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99 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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101 **Item 8: Ordinance 2020-04 – Updating the Final Plat Requirements – Second Reading**

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103 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2020-04 by title only.

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105 **Joyce Heffington** explained that this provides protection from liability to the City.

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107 **Public Comment**

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109 There were no comments.

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111 **MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve Ordinance**
112 **2020-04.**

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

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116 **NAY:** None

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118 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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120 **Item 9: Ordinance 2020-07 – Updating the Sign Regulations – Second Reading**

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122 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2020-07 by title only.

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124 **Joyce Heffington** explained that this ordinance updates the sign regulation to eliminate pole signs
125 except under special circumstances, prohibit roof signs, and regulate electronic sign brightness and
126 speed.

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128 **Scott Gerken** clarified that this ordinance doesn't affect vehicle signage which is allowed under
129 Section 118-9.

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131 **Public Comment**

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133 There were no comments

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135 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Saunders, to approve Ordinance**
136 **2020-07.**

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

139 **NAY:** None

141 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

143 **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

145 **Doug Hotaling**, resident, asked about businesses such as the dome building being grandfathered in for pole signs.

148 **Scott Gerken** explained that pole signs have been and are allowed due to topography.

150 **REPORTS**

152 **Mark Johnson:**

- 153 • City Hall Closed for Labor Day
- 154 • Asked the city council members if they had a preference regarding drive in or using blankets for Kids' Safe Night Out
 - 156 ○ **Council** consensus was to allow staff to make that determination
- 157 • Announced the next Kids' Safe Night Out meeting is tomorrow (September 2, 2020) at 2:00 p.m.
- 159 • Provided an updated on the Minneola Trail resurfacing project.
- 160 • Advised he was working on the creation of an Opioid Task Force

162 **Vice Mayor Serviss**

- 163 • Reported that there will be no planning and zoning commission meeting next week due to Labor Day.
- 165 • Advised the next planning & zoning commission meeting will be on September 14th at 6:30 P.M.
- 167 • Asked if the first budget hearing will be on September 8th at 6:30 P.M.
 - 168 ○ **Mark Johnson** confirmed the date and time.

170 **Scott Gerken**

- 171 • Reported that the County is proposing a vacation rental registration program beginning next year.

174 **Mayor Kelley**

- 175 • Reported there is a possibility that the City will be receiving some CARES Act funds and will need to have a special meeting next week to discuss distributing the funds to the City's residents.
 - 178 ○ **Council** consensus was to have a special meeting after the budget hearing on September 8th to discuss the CARES Act funding options.

181 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to adjourn the meeting.**

AYE: Serviss, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

