

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
December 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola 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 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 6:30 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.

Mayor Kelley explained that the City is having a generator installed which had caused some power outages earlier and another temporary power outage may occur during the meeting.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to excuse Councilor Price's absence from the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

PUBLIC COMMENT

Monica Luna, Minneola resident, requested the city council consider allowing backyard chickens in the City of Minneola.

Scott Gerken explained the city code currently allows for chickens on certain properties with a minimum of 5 acres.

Vice Mayor Serviss asked Joyce Heffington, city planner, to speak regarding what was discussed at the planning & zoning commission meeting pertaining to chickens within the City.

Joyce Heffington explained the City's code regarding chickens and added the rules are in place to ensure chickens do not disturb neighbors with noise or smell and are treated humanely.

Mayor Kelley requested the planning & zoning commission add backyard chickens as a discussion item on an upcoming agenda.

Item 1: Florida Department of Transportation Presentation regarding the Turnpike Widening Project.

Amanda Woods, Florida Turnpike Enterprise Representative, provided a PowerPoint presentation to the public.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes for December 1, 2020

Item 3: CARES Act Disbursement of Funds Interlocal Agreement

Item 4: Firefighting Personal Protective Equipment – Budgeted

Item 5: Vehicle Purchase – Funds Available

Public Comments

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve the Consent Agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Item 6: Resolution 2020-21 – Publix Variance – Signage – Quasi-Judicial

Scott Gerken read Resolution 2020-21 by title only and swore in those wishing to speak.

Joyce Heffington presented the variance specifics stating that this only applies to the Publix building allowing it to exceed 15 feet in height. The Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval for the height of the building including the sign to be a maximum of 26.3 feet.

Public Comments

Gregory Davis, Publix Representative, stated he was available for questions.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Resolution 2020-21 – Publix variance.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 7: Ordinance 2020-11 – Comprehensive Plan for Singh Property – 18551 & 18605 Bishops Point – Second Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-11 by title only.

Public Comments

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Ordinance 2020-11 – Comprehensive Plan.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Item 8: Ordinance 2020-17 – Simulated Gambling Establishments – First Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-17 by title only. As it is first reading, no vote is necessary. This ordinance will prohibit gambling facilities.

Joyce Heffington stated that the Planning & Zoning Commission recommends approval.

Item 9: Ordinance 2020-18 – Gated Communities – First Reading

Scott Gerken read Ordinance 2020-18 by title only. No vote is necessary on the first reading.

Joyce Heffington stated that the planning & zoning commission recommended approval, but requested changes to ensure that the lanes are big enough at the entrance to allow for adequate stacking.

Vice Mayor Serviss commented that the planning & zoning commission was also concerned with access for emergency services and wanted the term "gate" defined.

The electricity at City Hall went out from approximately 7:18 p.m. until approximately 7:22 p.m.

Public Comments

Nathan Focht, Lake County resident, suggested requiring two lanes to separate deliveries and guests, that take longer, from residents.

Mayor Kelley commented that he is okay with a single lane as long as it is a manned gate.

Item 10: Overlook at Grassy Lake Phase 2 Final Plat

Joyce Heffington commented that staff recommends approval conditioned upon the engineer's comments being addressed and the attorney's revisions for utilities in the covenants be made.

Public Comments

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve the Overlook at Grassy Lake Phase 2 Final Plat with staff's recommended conditions.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

REPORTS

Mark Johnson reported:

- City Hall will be closed December 24th – 25th and December 31st – January 1st
- Roll-off dumpsters will be at City Hall and the M.A.C. on the 18th for cardboard disposal.
- Asked if he could award the CARES Act applications that came in late.
 - Council consensus was to leave awarding late applications to city manager's discretion

Mayor Kelley mentioned allowing staff to payout vacation with Mark's approval.

Council consensus was to allow staff to do a one-time vacation payout with Mark's approval.

177 **Vice Mayor Serviss** commented on the success of the Christmas Parade and that the public
178 enjoyed it.

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180 **Councilor Flinn and Mayor Kelley** agreed the parade went well and it exceeded expectations.

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

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184 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

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Pat Kelley, Mayor

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Christina Stidham, City Clerk

