

**Minneola City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
February 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Councilor Debbie Flinn, 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 6:32 p.m.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Flinn.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

**MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to excuse Pam Serviss’ absence from the meeting.**

**AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

**MOTION by Councilor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to table Item 5: Surplus & Disposal of Fire Department Equipment.**

**AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ray Nivarel**, City resident and Quail Valley H.O.A. President, spoke regarding speeding in their community asking if the City would consider sharing the costs to have an officer work an extra shift in their neighborhood.

**Mayor Kelley** deferred to Mark Johnson to evaluate the situation.

**Donald Clark**, city resident, thanked Mark Johnson for addressing the issues with the homeless living behind CVS. He explained that the people left behind makeshift living structures, and now new homeless people are moving in creating a public nuisance.

**Mayor Kelley** confirmed that it is a work in progress and that Mark Johnson is still working with the property owner to address the issues.

### **PRESENTATION**

#### **Item 1: Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation**

**Kay Simpson and Susan Taylor**, Members of the Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation, recognized Chase Roddenberry, Drake Reuter, and Ricardo Canals with the Minneola Fire Department for their efforts raising over \$1,700 selling tee shirts in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

### **CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021**

#### **Item 3: Contract Request – Hydrogeological Services – Budgeted**

#### **Item 4: Interlocal Agreement – Traffic Management Services – Budgeted**

#### **Item 5: Fire Department Surplus Equipment – Tabled to Next Meeting**

#### **Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Consent Agenda Item 2 – City Council Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2021, Item 3 – Contract Request for Hydrogeological Services, and Item 4 – Interlocal Agreement for Traffic Management Services.**

**AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

### **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Item 6: Ordinance 2021-02 – Economic Development Incentive – First Reading**

**Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2021-02 by title only. This is first reading so no vote is necessary. He explained that this is the same 5-year exemption, but due to construction taking longer the dates have been changed.

92 **Mayor Kelley** commented about the property being difficult to utilize and develop. This economic  
93 incentive encouraged Dr. Khadrah to bring his business here despite the site challenges.

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95 **Public Comment**

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97 There were no comments.

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99 **Item 7: Ordinance 2020-15 – Causey Road Annexation – Second Reading**

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101 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2020-15 by title only.

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103 **Public Comment**

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105 There were no comments.

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107 **Item 8: Ordinance 2020-16 – Comprehensive Plan Amendment – Second Reading**

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109 **Scott Gerken** read Ordinance 2020-16 by title only.

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111 **Joyce Heffington** explained that this is for annexation and rezoning the property to industrial, but  
112 that the applicant will still need to go through the site plan process.

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114 **Public Comment**

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116 There were no comments.

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118 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Item 7:**  
119 **Ordinance 2020-15.**

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121 **AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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123 **NAY:** None

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125 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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127 **MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Item 8:**  
128 **Ordinance 2020-16.**

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130 **AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

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132 **NAY:** None

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134 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Daniel Smith**, city resident, spoke regarding the group that plays cricket at Trailhead Park. He requested the council consider installing a cricket play area and mound.

**Mayor Kelley** commented regarding council working to determine what will be included in the next phases of Trailhead Park and hopefully will be able to continue including diversity in sports opportunities and activities.

**Doug Hotaling**, city resident, lives across the street from Trailhead Park. He confirmed that the cricket players play more in the field than in the clay area. He also suggested installing a volleyball court.

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

- Asked council if they wanted to waive the landscaping requirement at the Sugarloaf water treatment plant.
  - **council consensus** was to defer to the city manager's discretion.

**Mayor Kelley:**

- Mentioned Minneola Charter had a ground breaking for their new gymnasium/auditorium.
- Suggested looking into options to incentivize removal of billboards on Hwy. 27 for beautification of the corridor.
- Asked council for their opinions on the offer the City received to sell city owned land on Education Ave.
  - **Council** discussed holding the property for now or selling the property and using the funds for another project.

**Council:**

- Discussed whether to build a new cemetery.
  - **Doug Hotaling**, city resident, stated that he would be interested in buying the City's land next to his property if the City wants to sell it. He also said that he wouldn't mind the City building a cemetery on the land next to his house.

**MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to adjourn the meeting.**

**AYE:** Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

*(Meeting adjourned at 7:19 P.M.)*

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Pat Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



Christina Stidham, City Clerk

