

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
June 1, 2021 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 Debbie Flinn, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Christina Stidham (City Clerk).

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kelley called the meeting to order at 6:31 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 COMMENT

Sean Parks, Lake County District 2 Commissioner and Chairman, spoke regarding the County being in the budget process, the recovery act funding, and hosting a series of meetings throughout the County starting in Clermont on June 24th at 1:00 p.m. He requested to host the second meeting at Minneola City Hall in the fall to discuss updating the Lake County strategic plan, road funding plans, and conservation strategies. He announced that Lake County will be holding a Liberty Tree Celebration in Tavares in front of the round building on June 28, 2021, and invited City Council to attend. He provided a "How did We Grow" survey flyer to each council member.

City Council agreed to host the second Lake County meeting as requested and thanked Commissioner Parks for attending.

Councilor Saunders asked Commissioner Parks about the 2nd phase of Citrus Grove Road going on indefinitely and asked if the County could complete the middle section.

Commissioner Parks confirmed that it is very possible as they are looking to free up public safety funds with recovery act funds allowing more funds for roads.

Mayor Kelley invited Commissioner Parks to meet in July prior to the August workshop with Sugarloaf.

Mayor Kelley invited Commissioner Parks and Lake County staff to attend the Minneola City Council and Planning & Zoning Commission joint workshop on June 7th asking the Clerk to send out an email to Commissioner Parks and Mr. Rosen.

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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

51 **NAY: None**

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53 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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55 **PROCLAMATION**

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57 **Item 1: Safe Driving Proclamation**

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59 **Mayor Kelley** spoke about the City moving forward with collecting data regarding speeding in the
60 City and the concerns with safe driving in Minneola.

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62 **Mayor Kelley** read the "Safe Driving Proclamation," proclaiming June 2021 Safe Driving Month in
63 the City of Minneola encouraging residents to take the Safe Driving Pledge.

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65 **Mark Johnson** explained that we would like to post this proclamation in the South Lake Tablet, on
66 our website, and on Facebook. He suggested issuing one twenty-five dollar (\$25) gift card or gift
67 certificate to five individuals chosen randomly on the first council meeting in July from the signed
68 safe driving pledges received by June 10th.

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70 **CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

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72 **Item 2: City Council Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2021**

73 **Item 3: Purchase Request – A.C. Unit Replacement – Funds Available**

74 **Item 4: Purchase Request – Washer/Extractor – Change of Vendor – Funds Available**

75 **Item 5: Purchase Request – Engineering Contract with Tetra Tech – Funds Available**

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77 **Public Comment**

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79 There were no comments.

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81 **MOTION by Councilor Saunders, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve the City**
82 **Manager's Consent Agenda.**

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

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86 **NAY: None**

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88 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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90 **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

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92 **Item 6: Public Safety Complex – Request to Accept Submitted Bids and Award Bid subject to**
93 **Contract being signed.**

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95 **Mark Johnson** explained that our Architects reviewed the submitted bids and determined that
96 Evergreen Construction, Inc. was the lowest bidder and explained the bid alternates 1, 2, & 3.

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98 **Scott Gerken** explained the next step is awarding the bid to Evergreen Construction and authorizing
99 the City Manager to finalize and sign the contract.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to Award the Bid to Evergreen Construction, Inc. authorizing the City Manager to finalize and sign the contract.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

REPORTS**Mark Johnson:**

- A private citizen is looking into doing a July 4th event at Trailhead Park, but there are obstacles to overcome due to the location and we are working with the event organizer to identify solutions.
- We are talking to the County about using their Ferndale Station temporarily for a few years until we build our second station. The Ferndale station is close to Sugarloaf and the County will not be using it because they are moving to the Montverde station.

Vice Mayor Serviss:

- Shared that Paula Whetro, from Building Blocks Ministries, sent us letter of appreciation for the new fitness equipment at Trailhead Park and Kandi Alexander expressed appreciation for the adaptive playground at Trailhead Park commenting on how much it is getting used.
- Read the "Thank You" note from Ms. Whetro aloud for those attending the meeting.
 - **Mayor Kelley** suggested looking into K-9 synthetic grass for the Minneola Dog Park.
- Inquired about the status of building a splash pad.
 - **Mark Johnson** confirmed that the State will not let us put the splash pad at Trailhead Park due to the flood zone.

Councilor Saunders:

- Spoke about the Car Store property and that the appraisal was \$224,000 for the land, but the owner needs to get more due to having the buildings and gravel. The City isn't interested in the buildings and would just have them removed. The owner agreed to provide a counteroffer.
- Said he is still interested in purchasing the property next to City Hall if we could come up with a good use for it. We are currently awaiting the appraisal. He suggested a community building, a cemetery, an elderly housing center, or other municipal facilities.
 - **Daniel Smith**, City resident, suggested using the property to build a police station because residents are asking when Minneola will have their own police department or for a substation for the Sheriff's Office.
 - **Mark Johnson** confirmed that staff met with our cemetery contractor and we are moving forward with updating the procedures and costs.

Mayor Kelley:

- Commented that he was contacted by a land seeker looking to bring a carwash to Minneola and asked Mark or staff meet with him.
- Announced that we will be having a joint workshop with the Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, June 7, 2021 and another workshop on August 30, 2021, for the County and Sugarloaf area residents to discuss roads.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Saunders, to adjourn the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:28 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Christina Stidham, City Clerk