

**Minneola City Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Minneola City Hall  
February 15, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Scott Gerken (City Attorney), Mark Johnson (City Manager), and Kristine Thompson (City Clerk).

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Mayor Kelley** called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Serviss.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Chris Singh**, with the Marine Corp League, requested assistance from the city in obtaining land to establish a building or place to meet for the Marine Corp League and other veterans.

The Greater Clermont Cancer Foundation presented a certificate to Chase Roddenberry and the Minneola Fire Department for their efforts in raising money for the Greater Cancer Foundation.

**AGENDA REVIEW**

There were no comments.

**CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA**

**Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2022**

**MOTION by Councilor Price, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Serviss, to approve the City Manager's Consent Agenda.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

**Item 2: Ordinance 2021-19 – Singh Annexation and Rezoning – Second Reading – Quasi-Judicial**

**Item 3: Ordinance 2021-20 – Singh Comprehensive Plan Amendment – First Reading**

**Scott Gerken** explained items two and three could be seen together. Read each ordinance by title and swore in those wishing to speak on the items.

**Joyce Heffington** explained this property is near other properties recently annexed and zoned industrial. Staff recommends approval with conditions. These conditions are to remove the billboard and be deed restricted to not allow for adult entertainment, gambling, cannabis, or marijuana processing or storage facilities.

**Chris Singh** indicated he has no issues with these conditions.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve Ordinance 2021-19 Singh Annexation and Rezoning with conditions as described by staff.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve the transmittal of Ordinance 2021-20 Singh Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the State of Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (D.E.O.) for review and acceptance.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

**Item 4: Ordinance 2022-02 – Municipal Service Taxing Unit – First Reading**

**Scott Gerken** read the ordinance by title.

No action was taken as this was the first reading.

**Item 5: Murals on the Trail Project**

**Mayor Kelley** expressed he had no concerns if the Florida Department of Transportation (F.D.O.T.) approved the murals. Suggested, in order to streamline their process, since they are required to obtain approval from F.D.O.T. they do not have to ask for approval from council for future murals.

Council's consensus was to allow the Minneola Artworx Committee to only be required to obtain F.D.O.T.'s approval for future murals.

**MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to approve the nine mural submissions for the Murals on the Trail Project.**

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

### REPORTS

#### Mark Johnson

- Spoke about the maintenance of the medians along Highway 27 from Division Street to County Road 561. Explained the city obtained a quote from the company the city typically uses to cut grass and the quote they provided indicated the cost would be \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00 per month to maintain these medians. The most the State is willing to give the city to go towards this maintenance is \$12,000.00 per year. It would not be cost feasible for the city to take this task on. Explained this year the state has a new Contract Administrator. The last Contract Administrator left the state with a staffing shortage. Also, the state's contractor indicated they are fully staffed this year, where last year they were not. After speaking with the new Contract Administrator, the city has hopes they will do a better job maintaining the medians this year.
- Saxon Industrial's last submittal was in October 2020. Approvals expired in August. The applicant is requesting Council extend approval of the site plan once again. Council extended it once before.
  - Council's consensus was to not extend Saxon Industrial's site plan approval.
- Spoke about the difficulty with hosting the upcoming food distribution event.
- Reminded council the workshop to discuss the city owned property in front of the Pine Bluff development would be on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

#### Scott Gerken

- Explained the Planning and Zoning Commission only requires three members be present in order to have a quorum.
- Spoke about a business damages provision in a bill going through the legislature. Which would allow for businesses, that have been in business at least three years, to make a claim for damages against cities that pass a code which creates more than 15% in damages to their business. Before any suits can be made the city must be given the opportunity to exempt the business, repeal the action that was taken, or another one of the various options provided in the bill.
- Spoke about a bill that will allow cities to prohibit smoking within city parks, excluding cigars.

**FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

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

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

**NAY:** None

**MOTION PASSED: 5-0**


*(Meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.)*



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Pat Kelley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**



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Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

