

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
June 7, 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 Serviss, Councilor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor Joe Saunders, Grant Watson (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**

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lisa Harris, resident at 326 Tradewind Dr., explained she is active with the Artworx committee and spoke about the murals on the Highway 27 abutments along the trail. She explained they are experiencing issues with graffiti and suggested the City add cameras to help deter this vandalism and added that those working on the murals have been approached by unknown individuals.

Mark Johnson explained the Public Works Department documents all graffiti and was able to track down an individual responsible for vandalism and passed the information along to the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

Vice Mayor Serviss expressed concern about the muralists being approached by individuals while working on the murals.

Mark Johnson stated some individuals have been arrested nearby for trespassing. The City and LCSO have been working with the property owners in the area to have "No Trespassing" signs posted, which allows deputies to enter the property without the presence of the property owner to remove, cite, or arrest those trespassing.

Mayor Kelley suggested someone has purchased the neighboring property to develop and this should help reduce the presence of homeless individuals.

Lisa Jones spoke about the benefits of installing cameras and better lighting along the trail.

Mayor Kelley suggested the developer of the neighboring property plans to improve the lighting along the trail.

Laura Smith, resident at 226 Magellan Cir., spoke on behalf of the Quail Valley Homeowner's Association. She requested the City perform a traffic study in their neighborhood with the goal of installing a new stop sign.

Mark Johnson stated the City does not perform formal traffic studies for developments, but staff can look at the traffic surrounding the intersection and determine if a stop sign is needed.

Matt Gregory, county resident at 13826 Old Highway 50, spoke about a semi-truck parked in front of the Country Ridge subdivision.

Mark Johnson stated he would make a call to the LCSO on his behalf to help him get assistance this issue.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2022

Item 2: Agreement – Subordination of Utility Interests

Item 3: Contract – Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) State Highway Lighting, Maintenance, and Compensation

Item 4: Emergency Repairs – Wastewater Treatment Facility Aerator Gearbox

Item 5: Purchase Request: Water Meters and Meter Supplies

Item 6: Wastewater Lift Station Emergency Power Transfer Switch Purchase & Installation

Item 7: Purchase Request – Emergency Diesel Powered Portable Pump

Item 8: Contract – George Gideon Auctioneers, Inc.

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 9: Ordinance 2022-14 Car Washes – First Reading

Grant Watson read the ordinance by title.

Joyce Heffington explained this would move classify a car wash as an industrial use. This ordinance also requires applicant's requesting a car wash use to obtain a special exception, which

would a variety of conditions in place, including requiring a noise study and be a minimum 1,000 feet from another car wash. She stated the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended approval.

Item 10: Ordinance 2022-11 Lake Apopka Natural Gas District (LANGD) Franchise Renewal – Second Reading

Grant Watson read the ordinance by title.

Monica Marlow, Director of Marketing LANGD, thanked council for having LANGD in their City.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Ordinance 2022-11 Lake Apopka Natural Gas District (LANGD) Franchise Renewal

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Item 11: Ordinance 2022-13 Conditional Use Permits – Second Reading

Grant Watson read the ordinance by title.

Joyce Heffington explained this ordinance amends the city code as it relates to conditional use permits. She stated the proposed ordinance will require additional items from applicants, such as a traffic report, a stormwater capacity report, and information regarding potential noise pollution issues. Further, these items will be put in a document for council's review. It also adds language which explains if there are any violations on the site the conditional use permit could be revoked.

Grant Watson stated the ordinance has three elements. One is for written findings and a written report, second includes additional review criteria, and the third adds more of an enforcement mechanism. The Planning & Zoning Commission thought the written report and written findings may not be needed. He suggested the council consider removing this element.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Flinn, to approve Ordinance 2022-13 Conditional Use Permits with the removal of the requirement of written findings and a written report.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

140 **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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142 There were no public comments.

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144 **REPORTS**

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146 **Councilor Flinn**

- 147 • Inquired if council would be interested in making site visit to the proposed school site to
148 view the property and address any questions.
149 ○ **Mark Johnson** suggested this would have to be an advertised public meeting and asked
150 if council would like to have this on a Tuesday night during an off week or before a
151 regularly scheduled meeting.
152 ○ Council's consensus was to have the meeting on a Tuesday during an off week.

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154 **Councilor Saunders**

- 155 • Stated he went to view the school in the Four Corners area, which they are designing the
156 proposed school from, and he did not like the looks of this school. He also spoke about
157 school safety and inquired about what plans the schools have in place to keep students safe.
158 • Spoke regarding school safety, the involvement of the Lake County Sheriff's Office (LCSO),
159 and asked if the schools will provide the City with their plan for school safety.
160 ○ **Mayor Kelley** stated currently this task has been delegated away from the school board
161 by Governor DeSantis and has been assigned to law enforcement. He suggested the
162 school board and the sheriff's office may hold a meeting for parents at City Hall to
163 discuss school safety.
164 ○ **Mark Johnson** spoke about law enforcement tactics in response to emergencies at
165 schools, how the City provides old fire hose to help close off classroom doors, and
166 reminded them how the voters agreed to increase taxes to help the schools hire more
167 school resource deputies and personnel.
168 ○ **Vice Mayor Serviss** suggested LCSO come out and have a meeting for the school
169 resource officers so they can share with the council what plans are in place and added it
170 would also give us an opportunity to know if we are holding a back-to-school backpack
171 event.
172 ○ **Mayor Kelley** suggested Lt. Patton, with LCSO, could draft a letter reassuring residents
173 of school safety. This letter could be included in the July or August water bill.
174 ○ **Vice Mayor Serviss** favored hosting a meeting at City Hall. She stated she would reach
175 out to LCSO to arrange this.

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177 **Councilor Price**

- 178 • Stated she would not be present at the June 21st council meeting.


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

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


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184 **NAY:** None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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


Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

