

**Minneola City Council
Workshop Minutes
Minneola City Hall
January 11, 2022 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola City Council Workshop 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 6:33.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

DISCUSSION ITEM

Item 1: South Avenue Discussion

Mayor Kelley provided a brief overview of the subdivision plans for the Eastridge Phase 2 subdivision and Skyridge Valley Phase 3 subdivision explaining that South Avenue was originally intended to connect to Hancock Road. He added the road was not built as intended due to the concerns expressed by the area's residents at that time. He stated the City's code requires dead end streets end in cul-de-sacs but there is not enough room to retrofit South Avenue with a cul-de-sac. He explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether to extend South Avenue to Hancock Road at the request of Pinecrest Academy due to the expansion to their school. He stated the school has confirmed they can contain the added traffic on their property without the use of South Avenue if the public preferred to leave the roadway gated. He indicated he heard from some people stating they would like the road open to access Hancock Road while others have stated they want the road to remain closed.

David Santucci inquired about the type of gate which would be installed and discussed having Lake County Sheriff's Office patrol the area to monitor traffic.

Mayor Kelley suggested the gate would be for emergency vehicles only.

Paularaye O. Sullivan expressed gratitude for City Council. She also stated she would like South Avenue to remain closed.

Dana Schkolenko questioned if there will continue to be an issue with cars dropping off and picking up students with the gate installed.

Mayor Kelley suggested this is an ongoing topic that will continue to be addressed.

Joseph Holloway spoke about the possibility of increasing crime and traffic by opening South Avenue and suggested South Avenue should be gated for emergency vehicles only.

Jared Taylor indicated he is the president for the Sky Ridge Valley Homeowner's Association. He stated he is not in support of opening South Avenue and would like the gate to be in place.

Adam Miller expressed he would not like South Avenue opened.

Travis Mackey believes the gate should remain closed due to traffic concerns.

Mayor Kelley discussed possible road improvements.

Rebecca Boschert inquired if the City has expressed traffic concerns to the school.

Mayor Kelley explained the school works well with the City.

John Coleman expressed concern with the speeding in the area and inquired about installing speed bumps.

Mayor Kelley suggested this has been a topic discussed in the past.

Dakota Lorenz explained his concern is to ensure the gate is not used as a place to drop off students.

Mayor Kelley stated this is an issue that the City is aware of and is working to find a solution.

Benjamin Phillips stated he would like to gate to remain closed.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Price, to adjourn.

AYE: Serviss, Kelley, Price, Saunders

NAY: None

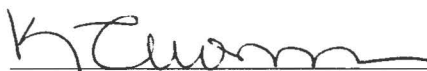
MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 7:38 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

