

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
July 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

The City of Minneola City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also present were Councilor Pam Serviss, Vice Mayor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Erick Hernandez, 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 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Price, 3218 Hill Point Street, inquired about the status of a turn lane on Education Avenue.

Mark Johnson indicated money has been allocated for this project, but some items need to be worked out along with the design of the turn lane.

Denise Price asked when the Citrus Grove Road improvements would begin.

Mayor Kelley indicated the bid request would be out in January. It would likely be approximately a month after that until they start moving dirt.

Mark Johnson indicated it would be approximately 12 to 18 months to complete after the construction begins.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2023

Item 2: Interlocal Funding Agreement – Widening of Citrus Grove Road

Mark Johnson asked if the interlocal agreement be approved it should be approved with the condition the city attorney and city manager review and approve.

There were no public comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez to approve the City Manager's consent agenda with the condition the city attorney and city manager review and approve the interlocal funding agreement for the widening of Citrus Grove Road.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

Item 3: Ordinance 2023-20 – Development Planning Fee Structure Revisions – Second Reading

Grant Watson read the ordinance by title.

Joyce Heffington indicated this ordinance is to establish fees for applications that relate to the Live Local Act. The fee is for staff to determine if a project meets the requirements established in the act. Other development fees would apply as the project moves forward.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Saunders, SECONDED by Councilor Serviss to approve Ordinance 2023-20 – Development Planning Fee Structure Revisions as presented.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Item 4: Ordinance 2023-24 Listing of Candidates on Ballot – First Reading

Grant Watson read the ordinance by title.

Vice Mayor Flinn indicated she would like the ballot listing to remain unchanged.

Councilor Saunders suggested the listing of candidates should remain alphabetical. He did not have a preference if the incumbent should be indicated or not.

Councilor Serviss suggested the names should be listed alphabetical while indicating the incumbent.

Councilor Hernandez agreed with Councilor Serviss' suggestion.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Item 5: Resolution 2023-12 Preliminary Fire Protection Assessment

Grant Watson read the resolution by title.

Mark Johnson indicated the resolution is proposing to leave the fire assessment rate the same as previous years.

MOTION by Hernandez, SECONDED by Councilor Serviss to approved Resolution 2023-12 Preliminary Fire Protection Assessment

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

REPORTS**Mark Johnson**

- Mark Johnson indicated the current millage rate is 5.8, staff is proposing we reduce it is 5.7.
 - Council's consensus was to set the preliminary millage rate at 5.7.

Mayor Kelley

- Mayor Kelley reminded the council that the South Lake Chamber of Commerce breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 20.
- Mayor Kelley indicated one of the developers for the City Center has requested to host a public forum at Lake Minneola High School which would be followed by a wine and cheese event at the Minneola Hills clubhouse, which is located adjacent to the high school.
 - **Councilor Hernandez** asked if there was a date selected for this event.
 - **Mayor Kelley** indicated it would be the first week of October, perhaps on Wednesday or Thursday.
- Mayor Kelley indicated Representative Taylor Yarkosky was present at tonight's council meeting. He thanked him for his efforts in obtaining funding for the turn lane on Education Avenue.

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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None


MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

