

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2024 at 6:30 PM
Minneola City Hall**

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

Councilor Erick Hernandez was absent.

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 **Alexander Landry**.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Flinn to excuse Councilor Hernandez from the meeting.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Saunders, Kelley

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Banks Helfrich, 9100 Sams Lake Rd., spoke about small businesses.

PROCLAMATION

Item 1: Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week

Item 2: Government Finance Professionals Week

Item 3: Problem Gambling Awareness Month

Vice Mayor Flinn read the listed proclamations.

Aimee Markuson, representative with the National MS Society, was present to receive the Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week proclamation and expressed appreciation to the council for issuing the proclamation.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 4: City Council Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2024

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Vice Mayor Flinn to approve the City Manager's consent agenda.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Saunders, Kelley

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

COUNCIL DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Item 5: Ordinance 2024-10 Live Local – First Reading

Scott Gerken read the ordinance by title.

Joyce Heffington presented details relating to the ordinance.

Public Comments

There were no comments.

Item 6: Discussion – On-Street Parking

Mark Johnson provided updated information relating to parking violation enforcement.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

MOTION by Vice Mayor Flinn, SECONDED by Councilor Serviss to table Item 6: Discussion – On-Street Parking until the next meeting since Councilor Hernandez was not present to discuss the topic.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Saunders, Kelley

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93 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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95 **Item 7: Social Media Notice Template**

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97 **Mayor Kelley** indicated he would like this posted next week.

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99 **Vice Mayor Flinn** inquired if this was something the Council should vote on.

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101 **Scott Gerken** suggested if it were communication from the Council as a whole, it should be
102 voted on, but if it were communication from the mayor that is something the mayor is able to do
103 without a vote.

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105 There was a discussion relating to the possibility of posting updates on Facebook after incidents
106 occur within the city.

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108 **Mayor Kelley** requested a discussion item be added to the next agenda relating to the inclusion
109 of the agenda packets on the website along with the minutes in lieu of posting the previously
110 discussed social media notice. He also requested to discuss drafting a communication plan with
111 the Lake County Sheriff's Office relating to the items discussed at tonight's meeting.

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113 **Public Comment**

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115 Multiple members of the audience spoke about posting updates relating to incidents that occur
116 in the city.

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118 **FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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120 **Nathan Focht**, 707 Blue Citrus Ln., requested the city hold a Memorial Day event.

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122 There was a discussion about holding a Memorial Day event at Trailhead Park where a future
123 veteran and first responder's memorial would be placed.

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125 **REPORTS**

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127 **Mark Johnson**

- 128 • Indicated early voting for the presidential primary election would be held in the gymnasium
129 beginning on Thursday, March 7.
130 • Asked the Council to consider if they would like staff to look into an ordinance to allow for
131 wider streets to help with on-street parking.
132 • Asked the Council to consider if they would like to continue holding the farmer's market if
133 staff is unable to secure a produce vendor.
134 • Indicated Maurice's last night is April 30; however, another Recreation Coordinator has been
135 hired and starts in a couple weeks.

Scott Gerken

- Indicated the consultant he mentioned at the last meeting, who specializes in districting, has offered to provide his consulting services via Zoom, which would cut costs in half, for an amount not to exceed \$2,000.

- The Council's consensus was to place the measure on the ballot to see if the citizens were interested in going to districts before spending \$2,000 on a workshop.

Mayor Kelley

- Spoke about making qualifying documents and candidate financial reports available on the city's website.

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

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Kelley, Saunders

NAY: None


MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.)



Pat Kelley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

