

1 MINNEOLA CITY COUNCIL
2 SPECIAL MEETING
3 Minutes
4 June 29, 2021 Immediately Following
5 the Council and Planning & Zoning Commission Workshop
6 at 6:30 PM
7 Minneola City Hall
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9 The City of Minneola City Council Special Meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley. Also
10 present were Vice Mayor Pam Serviss, Councilor Debbie Flinn, Councilor Kelly Price, Councilor
11 Joe Saunders, Planning Commission Chair Paul Giacalone, Planning Commissioner Jeff
12 Henderson, Planning Commissioner William McCoy, Planning Commissioner Daniel Smith,
13 Joyce Heffington (City Planner), Ramon Flores (Development Services Manager) Kristine
14 Thompson (Planning Technician).

15 **CALL TO ORDER**
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17 The meeting was called to order by Mayor Pat Kelley at 8:08 p.m.
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19 **MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
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21 A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice Mayor Pam
22 Serviss.

23 **DISCUSSION ITEM**
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25 **Item 1: Purchase Request 411 South Highway 27**
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27 **Mayor Kelley** discussed purchasing Chuck's Automotive at 411 South Highway 27. He explained
28 the City previously made Chuck an offer in December, but the owner opted to go with a higher
29 offer from another interested buyer. That contract fell through. Chuck is now asking the City if we
30 are still interested in the purchase. The purchase of Chuck's Automotive could be done using
31 C.R.A. funds. The City is also interested in the property next to city hall but if purchased it would
32 need to be with the City General Fund.
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34 **Commissioner Henderson** asked what the purpose would be to buy the Chuck's Automotive
35 property.
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37 **Mayor Kelley** explained the redevelopment purpose. The City could buy the homes behind
38 Chuck's eventually and the trailer park, then close Galena Avenue and create one large parcel.
39 Once combined, it could be sold for development.
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41 **Councilor Saunders** listed some examples of how the vacant land next to city hall could be used.
42 He also mentioned concerns with the status of the land, such as the potential presence of sand
43 skinks and gopher tortoises.
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45 **Mayor Kelley** commented that the City could make an offer contingent on a study of the property.

46 **Vice Mayor Serviss** explained that by purchasing Chuck's Auto, we could beautify the area.

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48 **Mayor Kelley** explained the goal of the City is to avoid displacing residents by acquiring the
49 properties as years pass and people move.

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51 Discussion followed regarding the cost of the property.

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53 **Mayor Kelley** asked for this to be added to the agenda for Tuesday.

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

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

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59 **NAY:** None

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61 **MOTION PASSED: 5-0**

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63 *(Meeting adjourned at 8:48 P.M.)*

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68 Pat Kelley, Mayor

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70 **ATTEST:**

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74 April Sheppard, City Clerk Assistant

