

**Minneola City Council
Meeting Minutes
Minneola City Hall
September 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Flinn called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

A moment of silence was observed, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Ian Wood, Eagle Scout**.

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ian Wood, 322 Tradewind Dr., spoke about proposed improvements to the Community Garden.

CITY MANAGER'S CONSENT AGENDA

Item 1: City Council Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2023

Item 2: City Council Budget Hearing Minutes – September 5, 2023

Item 3: Law Enforcement Services Agreement

Item 4: Purchase Request – Printer / Copier

Item 5: Purchase Request – Professional Traffic Study Services

Item 6: Vendor Shortlist and Engagement in Contract Negotiations

Councilor Serviss and Councilor Hernandez indicated they spoke with Lt. Reed with the Lake County Sheriff's Office regarding Item 3.

Public Comment

There were no comments.

Scott Gerken suggested if the council wished to approve the items on the consent agenda, they do so contingent on the city attorney and city manager's review and approval of any agreements.

45 **Councilor Saunders** spoke about Item 6 and suggested the new fire station in the Hills of
46 Minneola should be constructed in a way that matches the fire station which is currently under
47 construction next to City Hall.

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49 **Scott Gerken** suggested the item could be tabled to review the specification before making any
50 decisions.

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52 **MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez to table Item 6:**
53 **Vendor Shortlist and Engagement in Contract Negotiations until the next meeting.**

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55 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Hernandez, Saunders

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57 **NAY:** None

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59 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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61 **MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez to approve the City**
62 **Manager's consent agenda (except for Item 6, which was tabled) with the condition Item 3:**
63 **Law Enforcement Services Agreement receives city attorney review and modifications.**

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65 **AYE:** Serviss, Flinn, Hernandez, Saunders

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67 **NAY:** None

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69 **MOTION PASSED: 4-0**

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71 **COUNCIL DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

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73 **Item 7: Ordinance 2023-27 Temporary Moratorium on Certain Uses – Second Reading**

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75 **Scott Gerken** read the ordinance by title.

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77 **Joyce Heffington** indicated this ordinance will allow 180 days to give staff time to define certain
78 uses and research them to see if extra considerations are required for certain uses, such as special
79 exceptions. Certain uses can be removed from the ordinance should the council wish to remove a
80 certain use.

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82 **Public Comment**

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84 **Matt Young**, Richland Communities, asked if this ordinance is definitive across all the city limits
85 or if it is subjective.

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87 **Scott Gerken** stated this ordinance would be applied citywide.

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89 **Nathan Focht** suggested the ordinance was too broad.

There was a discussion regarding removing bars, lounges, and nightclubs from the ordinance.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez to table Item 7: Ordinance 2023-27 Temporary Moratorium on Certain Uses to the October 3, 2023, City Council meeting into order to revise the ordinance to remove bars, lounges, and nightclubs.

AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

FINAL PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erika Lord, KFM Architects, spoke regarding Item 6: Vendor Shortlist and Engagement in Contract Negotiations.

Matt Young, Richland Communities, offered to provide the city a storage yard for construction material while constructing the fire station in the Hills of Minneola.

REPORTS

Councilor Hernandez

- **Councilor Hernandez** requested to review the contract with the city's solid waste collection provider, Green for Life Environmental (GFL).
- **Councilor Hernandez** indicated he met with Lt. Reed regarding speeding in neighborhoods. He suggested they spoke about initiating a campaign with the deputies to increase their presence in neighborhoods.
 - **Lt. Reed** suggested a post should be made on Facebook regarding this campaign.
- **Councilor Hernandez** inquired on the status of any updates to the city's sign code.
- **Councilor Hernandez** requested an internal audit of project processing.

Councilor Serviss

- **Councilor Serviss** suggested Sgt. Casaburi, with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, asked her to distribute flyers inviting the council and the public to an event on November 4, 2023.
- **Councilor Serviss** mentioned she spoke with Mark and requested the following projects be brought forward for council's consideration and discussion at a future meeting: Splash Pad, First Responders and Veteran's Memorial, and a Pickleball Court.

MOTION by Councilor Serviss, SECONDED by Councilor Hernandez, to adjourn.


AYE: Serviss, Flinn, Hernandez, Saunders

NAY: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

(Meeting adjourned at 8:02 P.M.)

ATTEST:



Kristine Thompson, City Clerk

