

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2024**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nick Cox, Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None. Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Prayer was offered by Carlton Myles and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Levon Thomas. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Michael Roy moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (5) Adopt Resolution – Amending the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget and place this item before Item (6) Authority for Mayor Cox to Execute a Purchase Agreement for 72.886 Acres Located on Recreation Drive. This addition to the agenda and change in the order of agenda items was necessary in order for the council to appropriately vote to authorize Mayor Cox to execute the purchase agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (13) Adopt Changes to the Structure of the Minden Fire Department. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on September 3, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to approve the appointment of Tamra Wichelns to the Minden Main Street Program/Downtown Development Commission to fill the vacant term, as presented. The motion was duly seconded Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously awarded Bid No. 01-2025, 2024-2025 Street Improvements Project, to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, T.L. Construction, LLC. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the purchase of one (1) new 55-foot bucket truck, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to execute a purchase agreement for 72.886 acres of land located on Recreation Drive, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1147 – Annual Bridge Maintenance Report, a Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development requirement to annually review the posting of city bridges, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt a Resolution for Annual Certification of Compliance with State of Louisiana Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Requesting that the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) Division of Aviation Provide Funds Required to Complete the Airport Improvements at the Minden Airport Specifically as Described in the Capital Improvement Program Application for State Financial Assistance Dated September 2024, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

City Clerk Melaney Langford presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of August 2024. No motion was required.

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of September 2024. No motion was required.

The Police Report for the month of August 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Levon Thomas and second by Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Carlton Myles moved to adopt the changes to the structure of the Minden Fire Department, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk