

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 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 Levon Thomas and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Latasha Mitchell. It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Levon Thomas moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on October 7, 2024, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt a Resolution to Amend the City of Minden 2024-2025 Budget, 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 Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously authorized Mayor Cox to execute a purchase agreement for 3.0 acres of land located on Recreation Drive, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to award Bid No. 03-2025 – Minden Animal Control Facility to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Blackrock Construction. The motion was duly seconded by Levon Thomas and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Carlton Myles, Levon Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Michael Roy. Nay(s): None. Abstention(s): Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Carlton Myles, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Logan Clingan to the rank of Police Sergeant, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Benjamin Sparks to the rank of Police Sergeant, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer Cadyn O'Connor to the rank of Police Officer First Class, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Latasha Mitchell moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer LaDarrius Joseph to the rank of Police Officer First Class, 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 approved the promotion of Minden Police Officer Jordon Greer to the rank of Police Officer First Class, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Michael Roy and duly seconded by Levon Thomas, the council unanimously approved the promotion of Minden Police Officer Matthew Hicks to the rank of Police Officer First Class, as presented. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Andy Pendergrass moved to confirm Johnna Traylor as a full-time police officer in the Minden Police Department, subject to passing all applicable tests. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Andy Pendergrass and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus SCBA Air Packs and Bottles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Upon motion by Carlton Myles and duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus a Continental Washing Machine. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus lawn mowers. 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.

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

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

The Police Report for the month of September 2024 was unanimously accepted, as presented, by motion of Michael Roy and second by Andy Pendergrass. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None.

The National Night Out 2024 Block Party Hosts were recognized by Mayor Cox and the Minden City Council. Proclamations were presented to all hosts. No motion was required.

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

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Langford, City Clerk