

MINUTES OF THE MINNEOTA CITY COUNCIL MEETING

PURSUANT TO CALL AND DUE NOTICE THEREOF, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MINNEOTA, COUNTY OF LYON, STATE OF MINNESOTA, MET IN REGULAR SESSION IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor John Rolbiecki
Council Member Travis Gillund
Council Member Tim Koppien
Council Member Nancy Reisdorfer
Council Member Chris Swoboda

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Vidoloff

OTHERS PRESENT: Barry Gronke

ITEM 1: CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Rolbiecki called the regular monthly meeting to order @ 630 PM.

ITEM 2: CALL FOR AGENDA ADDITIONS
The City Administrator asked that High School Intern applicants be added to the agenda
Reisdorfer requested additional discussion about the City Attorney be added to the agenda

ITEM 3: ADOPT AGENDA
Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adopt the agenda with the above additions.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 4: CONCERNED CITIZENS
No Concerned citizens presented any topics.

ITEM 5: MEETING MINUTES
The Council reviewed the prior month Council meeting minutes. Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to approve the previous Council meeting minutes.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 6: REPORTS & UPDATES
The Council reviewed the following reports: (5a) – Police report; (5b) - Financial Report; (5c) – Y-T-D Budget (5d) – Administrator Report, (5e) – Rehab Loans report; (5f) – Library Minutes
The City Administrator reported that the MN DEED loan for the Gillund daycare was denied. Feedback from DEED included their opinion that the construction timeline to be completed by the fall of 2025 was too aggressive and therefore unrealistic. Additionally, the City Administrator proposed using excess funds of the Rehab program to invest in city improvements: park additions, recreation additions and overall city improvement projects.

ITEM 7: EXPENSES & DISBURSEMENTS
Reisdorfer motioned, seconded by Gillund, to approve the payment the check register and payroll register.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ITEM 8: RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES
Koppien motioned and Swoboda seconded approving Ordinance 25-02. This ordinance hires Barry and Jessica Gronke as the Summer Recreation Directors and established fee rates for participants. Koppien motioned to approve, and Swoboda seconded.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Koppien motioned and Reisdorfer seconded to approve Ordinances 25-02 and 25-03, accepting donations for the First Responders and Minneota Pool.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Gillund motioned and Swoboda seconded to tentatively approve Resolution 25-05, to research and replace trees for the E. Lyon Street project. Concerns were ensuring that no 'dirty trees' with seed pods were planted. The motioned was tabled for discussion at next month's meeting, pending research into tree species.

ITEM 9: FOR APPROVAL TOPICS

Rolbiecki motioned and seconded by Gillund to approve a liquor license for the Minneota Mudhens.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Swoboda motioned and seconded by Reisdorfer to approve Kylie Callens as an intern to the City administration staff.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Further discussion then occurred about the City Attorney appointment amongst the council, reaffirming that an additional attorney is designated for the city to prevent any conflicts of interest concerning issues with residents and the E. Lyon Street project. Additionally, the Personnel committee (Gillund and Swoboda) reviewed the four interviews that occurred the Chief of Police vacancy. The committee sent two applicants to final interviews, which will be scheduled in person in the next 30 days. The final applicants are Mario Redlegs of Dowagiac Michigan with 28 years of experience in law enforcement, and Gregory McWhirter of Hamilton, Montana with over 20 years of experience.

ITEM 11: ADJOURNMENT

Koppien motioned, seconded by Gillund to adjourn the meeting. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The next regular Council Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Robert Vidoloff, City Administrator

John Rolbiecki, Mayor

Council approved March 10, 2025