

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON DECEMBER 2, 2019.**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall, Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Terry Gardner, Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Mayor Gardner welcomed everyone to the meeting. It is noted for the record that Mayor Terry Gardner allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Prayer was offered by Keith Beard and Terika Williams-Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance. Herbert Taylor, III moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (L) Removal of the T. C. Bloxom sign at the Parks & Recreation Department for violation of a city ordinance and the charter. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. The motion failed because it takes a unanimous vote of the council to amend the printed agenda.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt the minutes of Council Regular Session held on October 7, 2019, and Council Regular Session held on November 4, 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion failed.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Pam Bloxom moved to approve the promotion of Lt. Tim Morris to the rank of Captain. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Herbert Taylor, III moved to approve the promotion of Officer First Class Brandon Curry to the rank of Sergeant. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

The following action was taken regarding condemned properties:

Dennis L. Coleman (adj. to WPPJ)  
c/o Jeanette Walker  
514 Babb Circle  
Minden, LA 71055

401 Myers Street  
East 47.5 ft. of Lots #9 & 10,  
Blk. R, J. M. Brown Addn.

A curator report was presented by Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr. which stated that all attempts to reach the property owners had been unsuccessful. Pam Bloxom moved to authorize the Mayor to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 45 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and the vote was

as follows: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion failed.

Sapphire Land Company, LLC  
1191 Hawn Avenue  
Shreveport, LA 71107  
(adjudicated to WPPJ)

221 Abney Street  
Lot 20 x 50 ft. out of Lot #8 &  
all of Lot #9, Jackson Allen Subdiv.  
In SE/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9

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Drucilla Kirksey 100% ownership  
704 Peach Street  
Minden, LA 71055

704 Peach Street – Mobile Home  
(located on property assessed to  
Loretta Jones Et Vir on Lot 50 x  
135 ft. out of Lots #17 & 18, Blk.  
“1”, W. D. Booker Subdiv.)

With no one present representing the property owner and upon the recommendation of the Building Official, Herbert Taylor, III moved to authorize the Mayor to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 60 days of this date. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Ruby Jean Webb Jones 50% ownership  
16727 Barkentine Lane  
Friendswood, TX 77546

327 E. Union Street  
Lot fronting 91 ft. on Hwy. 80 x  
127 ft. in NE/4 of NW/4  
Sec. 27-19-9

Essie Webb Dillard 25% ownership  
13747 Sablegarden Lane  
Houston, TX 77014

Diane Webb Lewis 25% ownership  
201 Del Monte  
Friendswood, TX 77546

Ms. Ruby Jean Webb Jones was present and requested additional time. This matter was passed by the council with no action taken.

Ordie Cornelius Noah  
c/o Wanda Anderson  
1414 Webster Street  
Minden, LA 71055

1129 Bayou Avenue  
Lot 125 X 250 ft. out of Lot #14,  
Weston Addn. in SW/4 of SW/4  
Sec. 21-19-9

With no one present representing the property owner, Vincen Bradford moved to authorize the Mayor to appoint a curator to represent the property owner. The motion was duly seconded by Herbert Taylor, III and carried unanimously.

Janie Miller Martin  
c/o Frances Poland  
615 Watts Circle  
Minden, LA 71055

510 Weston Street  
Lot 100 x 180 ft. in NW/4 of NW/4  
Sec. 28-19-9

Building Official Brent Cooley stated that a demolition has been done and the property owner is in the process of cleaning the lot. He recommended that the Council pass on this item. This matter was passed by the council and no action was taken.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1106, an Ordinance to Amend and Reenact Chapter 90, Utilities, Article IV, Rates and Charges, to Add Section 90-138 (b) – Paid Security Lighting Service, to the Code of Ordinances, City of Minden, State of Louisiana. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard. After discussion, a substitute motion was offered by Herbert Taylor, III to table this matter. The substitute motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford and Keith Beard. Nay: Pam Bloxom. The motion carried and this agenda item is tabled.

Upon motion by Terika Williams-Walker and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution adopting the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the audit period of 10/1/18 – 9/30/19, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Keith Beard moved to adopt a Resolution showing support of the completion and submission of the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development FY 2019-2020 Community Water Enrichment Fund Application, and empower the Mayor to execute any and all documents to accept and implement said grant, if awarded, on behalf of the City of Minden, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion failed.

There was no motion offered to adopt a Resolution showing support of a Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) FY 2019-2020 Application, and if awarded, granting the Mayor authority to execute the contract and any other paperwork, as needed, with the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development Division of Administration, as presented.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for improvements at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam

Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion failed.

Upon motion by Herbert Taylor, III and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council unanimously adopted a Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 16, 2019, to submit to the qualified electors thereof certain local option propositions relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages, as presented. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Keith Beard moved to adopt the Resolution for Municipal Water Pollution Prevention, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously. Said resolution is attached to and made a part of these minutes.

Vincen Bradford moved to approve the engagement of Wise, Martin and Cole to conduct our annual audits for the fiscal year of 2018/2019. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Pam Bloxom moved to approve the amendment to the 2018/2019 budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. The motion failed.

Vincen Bradford moved to accept the Police Report for September of 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Vincen Bradford moved to accept the Police Report for October of 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

The annual Fire Report for the year 2019 was presented by Fire Chief Kip Mourad. Upon motion by Herbert Taylor, III and duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker, the council unanimously approved the annual Fire Report, as presented, and approved payment to the volunteer firemen in the amount of \$20.00 per call, as well as, other monies as allocated in the report.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the months of September and October of 2019. No motion is required.

Public comments were heard, Council comments were heard, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Michael Fluhr, City Clerk