

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2020.**

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 Terika Williams-Walker and Keith Beard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vincen Bradford moved to adopt the minutes of Council Regular Session held on October 7, 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and carried unanimously.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt the minutes of 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: Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Herbert Taylor, III. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

Herbert Taylor, III moved to adopt the minutes of Council Regular Session held on December 2, 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Keith Beard moved to adopt the minutes of Council Special Session held on December 16, 2019, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Terika Williams-Walker moved to elect Herbert Taylor, III as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Year 2020. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford. After discussion, a substitute motion was offered by Keith Beard that Vincen Bradford remain as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Year 2020. The substitute 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. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion failed. A vote was then taken on the main motion to elect Herbert Taylor, III as Mayor Pro Tempore for the Year 2020 and the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nays: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The main motion carried.

Upon the recommendation of Minden Downtown Development Director Mahala Hutto, Keith Beard moved to appoint Mr. Ronald Swafford to the Minden Main Street/Downtown Development Commission, to replace Mr. Thomas Adams, and whose term will expire on September 8, 2022. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom. Herbert Taylor, III offered a substitute motion to table this matter. The substitute 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. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The substitute motion to table carried.

Upon the recommendation of Building Official Brent Cooley, Pam Bloxom moved to appoint Mr. Steve Wilson to the Minden Planning Commission, to replace Mrs. Linda Miller, and whose term will expire July of 2024. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Vincen Bradford, Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nay: Terika Williams-Walker. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

The following action was taken regarding condemned properties:

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
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A curator report was presented by Attorney Graydon K. Kitchens, Jr. which stated that he had spoken with Wanda Anderson, daughter of Ordie Cornelius Noah. Ms. Anderson has a demolition permit issued by the city and told Mr. Kitchens that she needed more time. Brent Cooley, Building Official, stated that demolition work had begun on the structure. Vincen Bradford moved to give the property owners 90 days. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Herbert Taylor, III and duly seconded by Keith Beard, the council unanimously agreed to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the City of Pineville, LA regarding an L-807 Wind Cone Assembly at the Minden Airport, as presented.

Pam Bloxom moved to accept the Minden Rec Booster Club, Inc. and authorize the City Attorney to draw up a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Minden and The Minden Rec Booster Club, Inc. to be considered by the City Council.

The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of November of 2019. No motion is required.

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

Herbert Taylor, III moved to have the “Chief T. C. Bloxom Memorial Fields” sign removed at the Football/Soccer Fields at the Minden Recreation Complex within seventy-two hours. The motion was duly seconded by and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Herbert Taylor, III, Terika Williams-Walker and Vincen Bradford. Nay: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried.

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

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk