

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN SPECIAL SESSION HELD ON FEBRUARY 11, 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 Keith Beard and Terika Williams-Walker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Herbert Taylor, III moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1107, an Ordinance deleting and reenacting Chapter 6 of the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, Code entitled Alcoholic Beverages, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Steve Cropper, Vincen Bradford moved to confirm Christopher Cayer as a police officer in the Minden Police Department. The motion was duly seconded by Herbert Taylor, III and carried unanimously.

Pam Bloxom moved to approve the amendment to the 2019/2020 budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard. After discussion, Herbert Taylor, III offered a substitute motion to table this matter until the March 2, 2020 council session. The substitute motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford 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 passed and this agenda item was tabled. (This budget amendment was relative to a change in an airport project.)

Pam Bloxom moved to authorize the Mayor to engage the services of Neil Erwin Law to review, update and make recommendations concerning the employee manual. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard. After discussion, Herbert Taylor, III offered a substitute motion to freeze all hiring of city employees until the employee handbook is resolved. Mayor Gardner rejected the substitute motion. The vote on the original motion was: Ayes: Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. The motion failed.

The meeting was adjourned.

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk