

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MARCH 2, 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 Pam Bloxom and Herbert Taylor, III led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At the request of Mayor Gardner, Keith Beard moved to amend the printed agenda to add Item (L) Personnel – Police Department New Hire. The motion was duly seconded by Pam Bloxom and the vote was as follows: Ayes: Terika Williams-Walker, Vincen Bradford, Keith Beard and Pam Bloxom; Nay: Herbert Taylor, III; Absent: None; Abstain: None. The motion failed because the vote was not unanimous.

Mahala Hutto, Downtown Development Director, presented awards to the 2020 Fasching/Mardi Gras Parade Winners and recognized those who contributed to making the Parade Day a huge success.

Pam Bloxom moved to adopt the minutes of Council Regular Session held on February 3, 2020, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard. After discussion, Herbert Taylor, III offered a substitute motion to table adopting the minutes of February 3 & 11, 2020. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Kip Mourad, Herbert Taylor, III moved to approve the promotion of Fire Captain John Thompson to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Keith Beard and duly seconded by Herbert Taylor, III, the council unanimously approved the final plat for the lot split of property belonging to Anti Pest & Veitch, Inc. located at Germantown Road approximately one-quarter mile south of Country Club Circle, as presented.

Upon motion by Vincen Bradford and duly seconded by Keith Beard, the council unanimously adopted Ordinance No. 1108, Annexation of Property, annexing that certain

city property more fully described in Ordinance No. 1008, into the corporate limits of the City of Minden. (This is property belonging to Reynolds Industrial Contractors, Inc. dba Catamaran Solutions located at the Old Shreveport Road.)

Herbert Taylor, III moved to approve the amendment to the 2019/2020 budget, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Vincen Bradford and carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Herbert Taylor, III and duly seconded by Vincen Bradford, the council voted unanimously in favor of authorizing the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the 2019/2020 Street Improvements Project.

Herbert Taylor, III moved to authorize the Mayor to obtain a cost estimate for a possible street overlay project on Country Club Circle and Longleaf Drive. The motion was duly seconded by Terika Williams-Walker and carried unanimously.

Keith Beard moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for Minden Airport Runway 1/19 and Airfield Lighting Rehabilitation project. The motion was duly seconded by Herbert Taylor, III and carried unanimously.

City Clerk Michael Fluhr presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of January, 2020. No motion is required.

Vincen Bradford moved to accept the Police Report for January of 2020, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Keith Beard and carried unanimously.

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

Terry L. Gardner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael Fluhr, City Clerk