

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON JULY 8, 2026**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the following members present: Mayor Nicholas A. Cox, District A Councilman Carlton "Buddy" Myles, District B Councilman Levon "Charlie" Thomas, District C Councilwoman Latasha Mitchell, District D Councilman Michael Roy, and District E Councilman Andy Pendergrass.

Prayer: Andy Pendergrass

The prayer was offered by Andy Pendergrass.

Pledge: Carlton "Buddy" Myles

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carlton "Buddy" Myles.

Call Meeting to Order

Welcome: Mayor Nick Cox

Mayor Cox welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Additions to Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

Public Comments

It is noted for the record that Mayor Cox allowed both council and public comments prior to every vote.

Adoption of Minutes

(1) Adopt Minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop Held on June 1, 2026

Carlton "Buddy" Myles moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop held on June 1, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(2) Adopt Minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session Held on June 1, 2026

Michael Roy moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on June 1, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(3) Adopt Minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop Held on July 1, 2026

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop held on July 1, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Resolutions

(4) Adopt Resolution - Authorizing Mayor Cox to be Designated and Given Full Authority on Behalf of the City of Minden to Execute and Submit Any and All Documents Pertaining to the DRA Fiscal Year 2026 Grant and Guarantee that the City of Minden Provides Matching Funds

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cox to be Designated and Given Full Authority on Behalf of the City of Minden to Execute and Submit Any and All Documents Pertaining to the DRA Fiscal Year 2026 Grant and Guarantee that the City of Minden Provides Matching Funds, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(5) Adopt Resolution - Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale (2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT and 2008 F-150 XL)

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt a Resolution Declaring Certain City of Minden Property as Surplus and Fixing the Terms of Sale, as presented. This resolution is to surplus a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT and a 2008 F-150 XL. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(6) Adopt Resolution - Establishing Airport Hangar Fees

Michael Roy moved to adopt a Resolution Establishing Airport Hangar Fees, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Award Bid

(7) Award Bid No. 04-2026 - Minden Airport Perimeter Fencing - Phase 1

Michael Roy moved to award Bid No. 04-2026 - Minden Airport Perimeter Fencing - Phase 1 to the lowest qualified bidder meeting all requirements, Delta Specialty Contractors, LLC, pending grant offer from the FAA. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Appointments

(8) Reappointment - Minden Planning Commission - Morris Busby

Upon the recommendation of Building Official Brent Cooley, Andy Pendergrass moved to reappoint Morris Busby to the Minden Planning Commission for a five-year term expiring in July 2031, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(9) Appointment - Minden Planning Commission - Juan Rangel

Upon the recommendation of Building Official Brent Cooley, Andy Pendergrass moved to appoint Juan Rangel to the Minden Planning Commission to fill the vacant term through July 2029, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton "Buddy" Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Personnel

(10) Minden Police Department Promotion - Benjamin Sparks

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Jared McIver, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Sergeant Benjamin Sparks to the rank of Police Lieutenant, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(11) Minden Police Department Promotion - Matthew Hicks, Jr.

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Jared McIver, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer First Class Matthew Hicks, Jr. to the rank of Police Sergeant, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(12) Minden Police Department Promotion - Johnna Traylor

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Jared McIver, Andy Pendergrass moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer Johnna Traylor to the rank of Police Officer First Class, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(13) Minden Police Department Promotion - Cody James

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief Jared McIver, Carlton "Buddy" Myles moved to approve the promotion of Minden Police Officer Cody James to the rank of Police Officer First Class, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor.

(14) Minden Fire Department Promotion - Wesley Mandino

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Brian Williams, Michael Roy moved to approve the promotion of Minden Fire Department Captain Wesley Mandino to the rank of Battalion Chief, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon "Charlie" Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, Michael Roy, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton "Buddy" Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): None. The motion carried.

(15) Minden Fire Department Promotion - Henry Ashley

Upon the recommendation of Fire Chief Brian Williams, Andy Pendergrass moved to approve the promotion of Minden Fire Department Firefighter/Operator Henry Ashley to the rank of Fire Captain, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Michael Roy and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Reports

(16) Budget/Financial Report for May 2026

City Clerk Melaney Slack presented the Budget/Financial Report for the month of May 2026. No motion was required.

(17) Fire Report for June 2026

Fire Chief Brian Williams presented the Fire Report for the month of June 2026. No motion was required.

(18) Police Report for May 2026

Michael Roy moved to accept the Police Report for the month of May 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton "Buddy" Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor.

Adjournment

Announcements and council comments were heard. The meeting was then adjourned.

Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

Melaney Slack, City Clerk