

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY OF MINDEN, STATE OF LOUISIANA, TAKEN  
IN REGULAR SESSION HELD ON MAY 4, 2026**

The Minden City Council met at City Hall in Minden, Louisiana, beginning at 6:00 p.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, and District E Councilman Andy Pendergrass. Absence(s): District D Councilman Michael Roy.

**Prayer: Levon "Charlie" Thomas**

The prayer was offered by Levon "Charlie" Thomas.

**Pledge: Latasha Mitchell**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Latasha Mitchell.

**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 April 6, 2026**

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Workshop held on April 6, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton "Buddy" Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**(2) Adopt Minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session Held on April 6, 2026**

Andy Pendergrass moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Regular Session held on April 6, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**(3) Adopt Minutes of Minden City Council Special Session Held on April 13, 2026**

Latasha Mitchell moved to adopt the minutes of the Minden City Council Special Session held on April 13, 2026, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Resolutions**

**(4) Adopt Resolution - Authorizing Signatory Power to Sign Checks**

Carlton "Buddy" Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor, Nicholas A. Cox; Mayor Pro Tempore, Carlton Myles; City Clerk, Melaney Slack; Assistant City Clerk, Elizabeth Campbell; and City Clerk Office Manager, Katrina Oglesby to Sign Checks Drawn by this Municipal Corporation on Any Financial Institution in Custody of City of Minden Funds, Effective upon Adoption, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**(5) Adopt Resolution - Authorizing Mayor Cox to Execute an Agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for Improvements at the Minden Airport**

Carlton "Buddy" Myles moved to adopt a Resolution Authorizing Mayor Cox 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 Latasha Mitchell and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Authority to Advertise**

**(6) Authority to Advertise for Bids for the MNE Perimeter Fencing – Phase I at the Minden Airport**

Andy Pendergrass moved to authorize the City Clerk to advertise for bids for the MNE Perimeter Fencing – Phase I at the Minden Airport, as presented. The motion was duly seconded by Carlton "Buddy" Myles and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Condemned Property**

**(7) Condemned Property - 505 South Street (District B) - Frank Gardner Estate**

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Frank Garder Estate	505 South Street
c/o Chandra Dozier	Lot #12, Blk. 8, Harrell Hts. & Strip 6 x 40
P.O. Box 801824	ft. Adj. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
Dallas, Texas 75380	(Formerly an Alley)

Chandra Dozier was present representing the property. She asked for more time to rehabilitate the structure and clean the lot herself. Levon "Charlie" Thomas moved to table this matter until the Minden City Council June 1, 2026, Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon "Charlie" Thomas, Latasha Mitchell, and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton "Buddy" Myles. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy. The motion carried.

**(8) Condemned Property - 509 South Street (District B) - Chandra Dozier**

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Chandra Dozier	509 South Street
P.O. Box 801824	Lot #10, Blk. "8", Harrell Hts. & Strip 6 x
Dallas, Texas 75380	40 ft. Adj. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
	(Formerly an Alley)

Chandra Dozier was present representing the property. She asked for more time to rehabilitate the structure and clean the lot herself. Levon "Charlie" Thomas moved to table this matter until the Minden City Council June 1, 2026, Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon "Charlie" Thomas and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton "Buddy" Myles and Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy. Mayor Cox broke the tie by casting an aye vote. The motion carried.

**(9) Condemned Property - 511 South Street (District B) - Chandra Dozier**

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Chandra Dozier	511 South Street
P.O. Box 801824	Lots #8 & 9, Blk. "8", Harrell Hts., Strip 6 x
Dallas, Texas 75380	80 ft. Adj. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
	(Formerly an Alley)

Chandra Dozier was present representing the property. She asked for more time to rehabilitate the structure and clean the lot herself. Levon "Charlie" Thomas moved to

table this matter until the Minden City Council June 1, 2026, Regular Session. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was as follows: Aye(s): Levon "Charlie" Thomas and Andy Pendergrass. Nay(s): Carlton "Buddy" Myles and Latasha Mitchell. Abstention(s): None. Absence(s): Michael Roy. Mayor Cox broke the tie by casting an aye vote. The motion carried.

**(10) Condemned Property - 507 South Street (District B) - Tobe Oliver Estate**

The following action was taken regarding condemned property:

Tobe Oliver Estate	507 South Street
c/o Barbara Eason	Lot #11, Blk. 8, Harrell Hts. & Strip 6 x 40
5108 S. Hampton Road, Apt. 29 H	ft. Adj. in SW/4 of NW/4 Sec. 27-19-9
Dallas, Texas 75232	(Formerly an Alley)

Before the Regular Session began, Barbara Eason contacted Carlton "Buddy" Myles to ask for more time to demolish or rehabilitate the structure and clean the lot herself. Carlton "Buddy" Myles moved to authorize Mayor Cox to issue an order declaring the property condemned and further order the demolition or rehabilitation of any structures located thereon and the cleaning of the lot within 180 days of May 4, 2026. The motion was duly seconded by Andy Pendergrass and the vote was unanimously in favor.

**Reports**

**(11) Budget/Financial Report for March 2026**

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

**(12) Fire Report for April 2026**

Assistant Fire Chief Ronnie Chreene presented the Fire Report for the month of April 2026. No motion was required.

**(13) Police Report for March 2026**

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

**Adjournment**

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

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Nicholas A. Cox, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Melaney Slack, City Clerk