MINONK CITY COUNCIL
MINONK, ILLINOIS
June 1, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The June 1, 2026 meeting of the Minonk City Council was held at City Hall and was called to order by Mayor R. Ruestman at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor R. Ruestman

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK: Those in attendance: Alderpersons Tom Barth, Kari Crowley, Julie McNamara, Trent Ruestman, Johnathan Stears. ABSENT: Eric Spencer
Also in attendance: City Administrator Bill Moline, City Clerk Leta Janssen, City Treasurer Steve O'Riley

CONSENT AGENDA

A. **To approve and file the following:**
   i. Minutes of May 6, 2026, City Council Meeting
   ii. Minutes of April 30, 2026, Filger Library Board of Trustees meeting
   iii. May 2026 Accounts Payable paid in June 2026 in the amount of $96,209.13
   iv. April 2026 City Collector's Report in the amount of $209,886.32
   v. April 2026 City Clerk's Report in the amount of $300,740.64
   vi. April 2026 City Treasurer's Report in the amount of $4,255,580.83

Stears moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, second by Crowley.
Roll call vote:
YEAS: Stears, Crowley, Barth, McNamara, T. Ruestman
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Review and Consider Language Ordinance 2026-05 Amendment to Personnel Code 2.30.707 Vacation Accrual

New employees will receive 5 vacation days upon hire which may be used following a 60-day waiting period. T. Ruestman moved to approve the ordinance 2026-05 amendment, second by Barth.
YEAS: T. Ruestman, Barth, Crowley, McNamara, Stears
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

B. Review and Consider Ordinance 2026-06, Amending Use of Sick Time

This item will be moved to a future meeting.

C. Review and Consider Ordinance 2026-07, Amending 25-26 Fiscal Year Budget

O'Riley explained that the Rec Building fund has been moved to the fund 16 Rec Program. The Rec Building fiscal activity will be recorded in the 16.19 fund code in order to separate the activity for that specific fund. Stears moved to approve the 25-26 Fiscal Year budget amendments as presented, second by Crowley.
YEAS: Stears, Crowley, Barth, McNamara, T. Ruestman
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

D. Review and Consider Ordinance 2026-08, Adopting the 2024 International Existing Building Code and 2024 International Residential Code

Moline explained the ordinance is necessary to comply with state law. Stears moved to approve Ordinance 2026-08 as presented, second by Barth.

YEAS: Stears, Barth, Crowley, McNamara, T. Ruestman
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

E. Review and Consider Ordinance 2026-09, Special Use Permit for Solar Farm Energy System TPE IL W004B, LLC
The Zoning Board met and recommends Council approve the amendment to the special use permit. T. Ruestman moved to approve Ordinance 2026-09, second by Crowley.
YEAS: T. Ruestman, Crowley, Barth, McNamara, Stears
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

F. Review and Consider Parks & Recreation Member Application
1. Jordan Meyer and Logan Weber
McNamara moved to approve appointing Jordan Meyer and Logan Weber as members of the Parks and Recreation Committee, second by Stears.
YEAS: McNamara , Stears, Crowley, Barth, T. Ruestman
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Moline reported on the following:

- The 3 part-time summer helpers started June 1.
- Moline is looking into the options available to provide 24/7 paramedic coverage in the Ambulance Department. 34% of the shifts in June are without paramedic coverage.
- Steps towards cleaning up dilapidated properties continues, including the Lincoln Street property and the Oak Street fire property.
- The shipment for the next round of meter replacements has been received.

OLD BUSINESS: none
NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Susan Drawdy asked about an update on the nursing home building. Moline said the owners are continuing with remodeling and waiting on compliance certification. She also reported the fire hydrant located near the Garden Club gardens is in need of painting, and she inquired about any grant availability for a community center. Council encouraged her to find a meeting place for a community center as that would enhance grant writing efforts if the group is already in existence and in need of a larger space.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

MAYOR COMMENTS: Jay Jochums discussed with Mayor that he is looking into plans for demolition of the Main Street building owned by his family.

ADJOURNMENT: Barth moved that having completed the meeting of the Minonk City Council the meeting is adjourned at 6:25 pm, second by McNamara.
MOTION CARRIED

Leta Janssen, City Clerk