MINONK CITY COUNCIL
MINONK, ILLINOIS
August 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: The August 3, 2026 meeting of the Minonk City Council was held at City Hall and was called to order by Mayor Pro-tem Trent Ruestman at 6:00 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mayor Pro-tem T. Ruestman

ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK: Those in attendance: Alderpersons Tom Barth, Kari Crowley, Julie McNamara, Trent Ruestman, Jonathan 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 July 6, 2026, City Council Meeting
   ii. Minutes of June 25, 2026, Filger Library Board of Trustees meeting
   iii. July 2026 Accounts Payable paid in August 2026 in the amount of $85,837.18
   iv. June 2026 City Collector's Report in the amount of $534,319.81
   v. June 2026 City Clerk's Report in the amount of $602,909.79
   vi. June 2026 City Treasurer's Report in the amount of $4,220,594.56

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

REGULAR AGENDA

A. Review and Consider Ordinance 2026-09 Minonk Zoning Code Amendment Pertaining to Shipping Containers in the C-2 Downtown Business District

Moline reported the Zoning Board has reviewed and approved the proposed amendment language changes, including stipulations, to allow the special use of a shipping container in the C-2 Downtown Business Area. Joe's Pizza has plans to convert the shipping container to use in the outdoor bar area as a serving area. The container may not be used for any other purpose other than what is stipulated in the amendment. Barth moved to approve Ordinance 2026-09, second by Crowley.
YEAS: Barth, Crowley, McNamara, T. Ruestman, Stears
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

B. Review and Consider Woodard and Curran Proposal

T. Ruestman explained that Woodard and Curran will provide a 10-year study of the infrastructure needs, as well as a cost comparison of the city continuing to manage the utilities versus a private utility company. Moline noted that Farnsworth has been advised of the delay in the R/O update plans. The study is quoted at $75,000. McNamara moved to approve proceeding with the Woodard & Curran study proposal, second by T. Ruestman.
YEAS: McNamara, T. Ruestman, Crowley, Stears
NAYS: Barth
MOTION APPROVED

C. Discuss and Consider Fire Hydrant Painting Project

Mayor R. Ruestman received a quote from a company to sandblast and repaint the 170 fire hydrants in town. Barth moved to not move forward with the project quote but to reconsider in the next year's budget**,** second by Crowley.
YEAS: Barth, Crowley, McNamara, T. Ruestman Stears

NAYS: None
MOTION APPRVOED

D. Ambulance Department Full-time Paramedic Hire – Allen Harlan
Stears moved to approve hiring Allen Harlan as full-time paramedic in the Ambulance Department, second by McNamara.
YEAS: Stears, McNamara, Barth, Crowley, T. Ruestman
NAYS: None
MOTION APPROVED

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT: Moline reported on the following:

- Information regarding the April 6, 2027 Consolidated Election was shared with council members.
- Due to the holiday, the next City Council Meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday, September 9.
- This is the final week for summer help employees.
- The 511 Oak Street sidewalk project is in progress.
- Some issues were experienced with the LOCIS transfer, but things are getting worked out.
- Water Meter install is on-going with 18 more to be replaced.
- A man hole project will take place on the 3rd and Oak intersection.
- The Sheriff Department and the Ambulance Department activity was shared with Council.
- A Zoning Meeting was held on August 3 to discuss and review the language changes in the amendment regarding the Joe's Pizza storage container; the changes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS: None
NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Joan Osterman inquired about the nursing home progress. Bill reported the owners continue to have work done and are waiting for permits.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None
CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS: None
MAYOR COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Stears moved that having completed the meeting of the Minonk City Council the meeting is adjourned at 6:30 pm, second by Crowley.
MOTION CARRIED

Leta Janssen, City Clerk