

September 26, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting

MINOT CITY COUNCIL – SCHEDULED MEETING – September 26, 2022 AT 4:30 P.M.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Ross

Members Absent:

Evans, Podrygula, Streyle

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Ross led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SISTER CITY SKIEN AND CITY OF MINOT DISCUSSION & SIGNING OF AGREEMENT**

Mayor Ross had opening words welcoming the members of the community of Skien. He opened the meeting up for comments from the dais.

Dr. Shirley, MSU President, mentioned he was looking forward to signing the agreement and the future with Skien. Minot State University participate in the student exchange program with Norway. Dr. Mark Vollmer, Superintendent of Minot Public Schools, felt this was a great opportunity for the kids to learn more about Norway.

Brekka Kramer, MACEDC CEO/President, stated the Hostfest is such an event. She believes the relationship with Skien and the City of Minot is great and she is looking forward to continue discussions into the future. Tim Mihalick, Norsk Hostfest President, felt it was great to have the members of the community of Skien back in Minot and was looking forward to the opening ceremonies of the Hostfest.

Alderman Jantzer said it was a pleasure to see the members of the Skien community back in Minot. He discussed how he was grateful for the opportunity to travel to Skien previously and how gracious the community was. Alderman Pitner was thankful for the members of the Skien community for traveling here and he thanked Tim Mihalick and the Norsk Hostfest for such a great event. Alderwoman Olson mentioned how this represents the past which is heritage, the present which is the signing of the contract, and the future for the contract extension.

Trude Tvedt of Skien, Norway said she was thankful for the hospitality and is looking forward to a closer relationship in the future. Rolf Haugen, former City Manager of Skien, stated that he has been in Minot 28 times and he enjoys the great humor, kindness, and inspiration of the community. He feels Minot is his home away from home.

Jan Terje Olsen, former Mayor of Skien, discussed how he has been a part of this for 20 years but there is more than 40 years of connection between Minot and Skien. There is an importance of the corporation of the US with Norway along with a local importance of Minot with Skien. Guro Honningdal, Skien Cultural Department Head, felt this was very important and enjoyed the interesting day of tours.

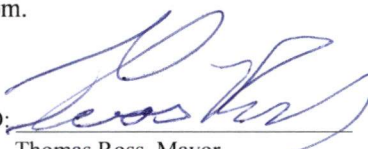
Mayor Ross spoke about the 40 years since the beginning of the Sister City relationship. There is a friendship and common culture. The Sister City relationship between Minot and Skien was an idea from Hostfest founder Chet Reiten. It is a great community partnership built on community, culture, family, and friendship.

After the discussion, Mayor Ross, Dr. Shirley, Dr. Mark Vollmer, Trude Tvedt, and Brekka Kramer signed the Sister City Agreement.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Jantzer moved the City Council meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

ATTEST: Mikayla McWilliams  
Mikayla McWilliams, City Clerk

APPROVED:   
Thomas Ross, Mayor