

MINUTES
Regular City Council Meeting January 14, 2014

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Mayor Larry Davison
Councilperson & Mayor Pro Tempore William Griffin
Councilperson Sharon Aust
Councilperson Bob Petty
Councilperson Chris Gaschler
Councilperson Gregg Bisso

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3) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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5) MAYORAL/ALDERMEN/COMMITTEE/POLICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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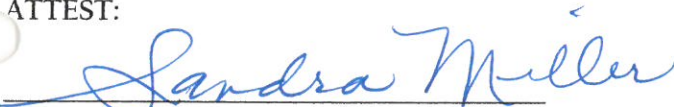
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Sandra Miller, City Secretary

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