Minden sees results of survey

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MINDEN — Residents here strongly favor a half percent sales tax, would like to see improvements made the city's infrastructure and disapprove of the city government.

Those were among the results Shawn Kaskie, director of the University of Nebraska at Kearney’s Center for Rural Research and Development, shared at the Minden City Council meeting Monday. Working with the CRRD, the city disseminated a 73-question community assessment needs questionnaire with the October utility invoices.

"I thought it was very good, and I thought it was very inclusive," Mayor Roger Jones said. "There was a lot of items that certainly are important to any community, but particularly for Minden."

Survey results are needed for Minden’s application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development Leadership Community program. The program is a tool for development.

Participation in the Leadership Community program can also be used to pursue funding options.

According to survey results, just 33 percent of Minden’s population is at or below the low to moderate income level. A community’s population needs to have at least 51 percent of its residents at or below the LMI to qualify for Community Development Block Grants.