

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED
COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Members Present:

Mayor Steve Lawrence
Dr. Sonny Proctor
Kirk Raffield
John Foust
Anne Sneve
Jim Looney

Staff:

Brandon Douglas
Lonnie Waters
Lindsey Williams

Guests in Attendance:

John Luke Weaver
James Johnson

Members Absent:

None

Legal Counsel:

David Syfan

Press:

Angela Reinhardt
Mari Livsey

Mayor Lawrence asked Mayor Pro Tem Looney if a quorum was present. Having a quorum of council Mayor Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. He requested Lonnie Waters to provide the invocation. He asked John Luke Weaver to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Lawrence advised that an agenda is in front of them view and he entertained a motion to adopt the agenda. Council member Foust made motion to adopt the agenda with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence entertained a motion to approve Brandon Douglas as Interim City Clerk until such time as a full-time clerk is hired. Council member Looney made motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence stated that Council has in front of them the minutes from the January 6, 2020 regular meeting and he entertained a motion. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked if there was anyone in attendance that would like to make comments on discussion of municipal court. Recognizing that no one came forward, Mayor Lawrence advised that he'd like to request a motion to approve the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate a contract between the City and Robert Sneed to serve as Municipal Court Judge for 2020. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approved carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to authorize Robert Sneed to act as interim judge until such time as a contract is approved. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked a motion to authorize for the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate a contract between the City and Joe Hudson to serve as Prosecutor for the municipal court for 2020. Council member Sneve provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion for the Mayor and City Attorney to negotiate a contract between the City and Cortney Stuart to serve as Public Defender for the municipal court for 2020. Council member Foust provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to authorize Joe Hudson to act as Interim Prosecutor for the City until such time as the City approves a contract. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Sneve providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.


Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to authorize Courtney Stuart to act as Interim Public Defender for the City until such time as the City approves a contract. Council member Raffield provided motion with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence asked Brandon Douglas to provide his idea on how he proposes for the Council Committees to function. Packets for council included a list of the standing committees for their consideration for 2020 and 2021. Committees to serve on include Police / Fire; Streets/Parks; Administration; Development; Water/Waste Water. Staff is asking the Elected Body to consider choosing a committee to serve as a co-chair so as to aid in reviewing policy matters with staff on a specific initiative. The committees do not preclude other council members the opportunity to know of matters but it allows for work to be done at the committee level. Further discussion held. Mayor clarified that for this idea is for 2 years initially but as things progress over time, things could change. Further discussion held. Mayor Lawrence began the process by asking Council member Proctor to select whereupon he selected the Development Committee; Council member Raffield selected the Police/Fire Committee; Council member Foust selected the Streets/Parks; Council member Sneve selected the Administration Committee; Council member Looney selected the Administration Committee; Council member Looney selected the Police/Fire committee; Council member Sneve selected Streets/Parks; Council member Foust selected Water/Waste Water; Council member Raffield selected Development; Council member Proctor selected Water/Waste Water.

Mayor Lawrence asked Brandon Douglas to facilitate a discussion on standing meetings. Included in the packets is a color coded 2020 calendar which highlights the 1st Monday of the month as regularly scheduled Mayor and Council meeting with exception of September (due to Labor Day) as 2nd Monday. Additionally, a proposed 4th Tuesday of the month for Planning and Zoning Commission meetings and the 4th Thursday of the month for a work session meeting for the Mayor and Council. Further discussion held. It was also stated that there are some conflicts with meeting dates and holidays which can be moved. It was also noted that a proposed idea of recognizing Good Friday as holiday was on the calendar to provoke a conversation. Further discussion held. Mayor called for a motion to approve the 2020 Calendar. Council member Foust made motion to approve the calendar with the proposed meeting dates (moving work sessions off Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday to the following week) with Council member Looney providing second. Motion to approve carried unanimously.

Mayor Lawrence advised Council that he will be sending a list of the names that have been provided for consideration of serving on boards/commissions and he asked for Council to reach out to persons on the list to confirm their willingness to serve.

Mayor Lawrence asked for a motion to adjourn; however, James Johnson addressed the Mayor and Council with the question regarding his position as City Judge in light of the appointment earlier. Mayor Lawrence asked City Attorney Syfan to speak on this matter. City Attorney Syfan advised that the Council did not terminate the services of or remove Mr. Johnson, and merely did not renew Mr. Johnson's services for another term. The City Council did not have to have cause to end Mr. Johnson's services, in that Mr. Johnson was an at-will service provider. Mr. Johnson subsequently approached the dias to distribute paperwork without further comment. Mayor Lawrence called for a motion to adjourn whereupon Council member Raffield provided with Council member Sneve seconding. Meeting adjourned.



Steve Lawrence
Mayor



Brandon D. Douglas
City Manager/Interim City Clerk