

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 14, 2016

The Board of Aldermen met in special session with Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles at City Hall, 206 North 16th Street, on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Ishmael, Brejnik, Williams, Miles

Absent: none

Others Present: Debbie Nalle, Paula Denum, Jacob Denum, Lisa Miles, Charles Crabtree, Tyson Martin, Jerry Collins, Steve Long, Susy Long, Lance Johns, Jan Johns, Marvin Casady, Cris Stallings, Paul Beck, Cathy Smith, Jonne Slemmons, Jeremy VanMeter, David Kinnison, Susan Legaard, Cliff Addison, Nita Schroff, Wray Kiralfy, Levi Denum, Benjamin Denum, Stuart Johnson, Pauline Preston, Caleb Slemmons, Sam Miles, Phil Conger, and Becky Turley.

Meeting Called To Order Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles called for a motion for approval or amending of the agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles stated that the agenda needs to be amended to declare the Mayor position vacant and to accept Mayor Joseph Johnson's resignation at the June 6, 2016 meeting.

Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to amend the agenda and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Miles – Aye Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye Ishmael – Aye

Appointment of New Mayor Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles addressed the Councilmen and people in attendance that the main reason for this meeting is to appoint a new Mayor. Mayor Pro Tem Miles asked the councilmen to submit names of individuals to consider for the Mayor position. Mayor Pro Tem Miles said that he believes moving promptly in filling the Mayor position because of the wastewater treatment project, street work, and street light project, safe route to school sidewalks, and the north and south TIF projects. Mayor Pro Tem Miles expressed concern for the need to fill major positions for the administrator, attorney, and a treasurer as well.

Attorney Cristine Stallings explained the process of filling the Mayor position that requires a majority vote of the board. Ms. Stallings further explained an opinion from the Attorney General office that supports that Steve Miles as the Mayor Pro Tem has a vote and as an alderman has a vote, if needed. This opinion would give Mr. Miles the ability to cast a tie-breaker vote.

Charles Crabtree asked if the person appointed can run for Mayor in the April election and Cristine Stallings replied yes.

Candidates for Mayor Position Addressed

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles asked Alderman Gene Ishmael for his candidates. Alderman Gene Ishmael announced Sheila Robertson and Mary Cox. Alderman Gene Ishmael told Council he had not spoken with his candidates since he was unaware of the proper procedures. Alderman Randy Brejnik announced Jonne Slemmons. Alderman Todd Williams announced Dick Graner, and Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles announced Alderman Todd Williams. After a brief discussion of the candidates, Alderman Todd Williams withdrew his candidacy for the position.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles stated that the candidates would be Jonne Slemmons and Dick Graner.

Appointment of Richard Graner as Mayor

Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to appoint Richard Graner as Mayor and seconded by Alderman Pro Tem Steve Miles.

Miles – Aye
Brejnik – Nay

Williams – Aye
Ishmael – Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Miles announced that Richard Graner will be the new Mayor until April 2017 with a 3-1 vote and will be sworn in at the June 20, 2016 meeting.

Accept Mayor Johnson's Resignation

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to accept Mayor Joseph Johnson's resignation and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Miles – Aye
Brejnik – Aye

Williams – Aye
Ishmael – Aye

Alderman Todd Williams addressed Jonne Slemmons stating that she was over qualified for the Mayor position. Alderman Williams believed that with her qualifications and skills, she would better serve the city as an administrator instead of a Mayor. Alderman Williams wanted to go on public record that he hoped that she would consider applying for the City Administrator position.

Adjournment

Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Miles – Aye
Brejnik – Aye

Williams – Aye
Ishmael – Aye

Steve Miles, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Nita Schroff, City Clerk