

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

January 23, 2012

The special meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 325 North Washington on Monday, January 23, 2012.

Commissioners Present: Mayor Tim Long, Vice Mayor Joe Denoyer, Larry Koochel and Janet Willimon.

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, City Clerk Debbie Giskie and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Long declared the meeting called to order and City Clerk Giskie declared a quorum present.

1. Governing Body Vacancy.

City Manager Hall reported during a trip to Topeka on January 17, 2012, he met with the Attorney General's office regarding the vacant City Commission position. He noted there are two possible options and outlined the process of appointing an individual to serve until the next election in 2013 or appointing someone to fill the full term expiring in 2015. Mr. Hall pointed out that many of the statutes addressing the commission vacancies were repealed in 1998, and there is no process outlined for first class cities, unlike second and third class cities.

- Mr. Hall noted the City needed to declare there is a vacant position and determine the process to be followed to appoint an individual.

Commissioner Koochel moved that the City Commission will accept applications for appointment from interested citizens to fill the vacancy created by the January 6, 2012 death of City Commissioner Bob Carlile. This appointment will be in effect until the first City Commission meeting in April 2013. In December 2012, two 4-year positions and two 2-year positions, including this appointment, will be open for election. This vacancy is filled through appointment by a majority vote of the City Commission. The successful applicant will be sworn into office and officially seated as a City Commissioner on February 28, 2012. Applications for the City Commission vacancy will be accepted by the City Clerk up to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 22, 2012. Applicants will be interviewed in public on February 23rd and 24th, if necessary. Vice Mayor Denoyer seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

City Manager Hall noted the announcement would be advertised everywhere possible.

The meeting was adjourned by motion of Vice Mayor Denoyer, seconded by Commissioner Koochel.

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk