

THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LIBERAL CITY COMMISSION

February 23, 2012

The special meeting of the Liberal City Commission was held at 5:30 p.m. at the Rock Island Depot located at 4 Rock Island Road on Thursday, February 23, 2012.

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

City Staff Present: City Manager Mark Hall, Public Works Director Joe Sealey, Finance Director Chris Ford, City Clerk Debbie Giskie and City Attorney Shirla McQueen.

Mayor Long declared the meeting called to order.

1. City Commissioner Interview Process.

City Manager Hall reported eleven (11) candidates have applied to fill the vacant City Commission seat created by the death of Bob Carlile on January 6, 2012. He advised copies of the applications have been provided to the Commission and interviews in 15-minute intervals have been scheduled tonight.

- Mr. Hall reported City Clerk Giskie would outline the process for each candidate and then ask each candidate ten questions, giving them one minute to answer each question.

Individuals submitting applications and completing the interviews (in the order the applications were received) were:

- Dave Harrison
- Ron Warren
- John Blackmore
- Lana Gudgel
- Alaina Sill
- Virgil Dale Harrold
- Steven Leete
- Lynda Sager
- Steve Frazier
- Jack Carlile
- Cory Barnett

After the interviews were completed, City Manager Hall distributed ranking sheets and asked the Commission to rank their choices for the top three (3) candidates. Initial results were Dave Harrison and Steve Leete, with Ron Warren and Alaina Sill tied for third place. Mr. Hall distributed ranking sheets and asked the Commission to rank their choice for third place in order to break the tie and determine the top three choices. Alaina Sill became the third choice.

Mr. Hall distributed ranking sheets and asked that the Commission rank the top three (3) candidates to determine the most qualified candidate to fill the vacant position.

Following tabulation of the ranking sheets, Dave Harrison was determined to be the most qualified to fill the position, with Steve Leete as second and Alaina Sill as third.

- Mr. Hall explained if Mr. Harrison declined the position, then Mr. Leete would be selected and so forth.
- He requested the Commission consider making a motion to appoint Dave Harrison to fill the vacant position until April 9, 2013.

Commissioner Willimon moved to appoint Dave Harrison to fill the vacant City Commission seat until April 9, 2013. Vice Mayor Denoyer seconded the motion.

- Vice Mayor Denoyer thanked all of the candidates who applied for the vacant position and encouraged each of them to apply for the City Commission at next election. He thanked them for their time this evening.
- Commissioner Willimon thanked the candidates for applying and noted she had taken notes on the comments they had given this evening. She challenged them to apply for the City Commission in the future and thanked them for their bravery this evening.
- Mayor Long advised there were some very strong candidates this evening and there were a lot of good comments made. He noted it hadn't been an easy process and was a difficult decision to make. He encouraged each of the candidates to run for City Commission and thanked them for applying.

The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0.

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

Tim Long, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra S. Giskie, CMC, City Clerk