

NOTES OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

May 2, 2017

(Subject to Approval at the May 16, 2017 Council Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Attendance

Mayor Dennis Watz called a special council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, and Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton. Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin arrived shortly after the meeting convened. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Attorney Justin Head, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

PURPOSE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Special Meeting Purpose

Mayor Watz reported that the main purpose of the special meeting was to address the vacancy left in the City Collector's office due to the resignation of newly elected candidate Mike McCulloch.

Letter of Resignation

McCulloch Resignation

Mayor Watz reported that Mike McCulloch submitted a letter to the city announcing his resignation. It was also noted that this was reported in the local area news media. Alderman Dalton made a motion to accept Mr. McCulloch's resignation. Alderman Alexander seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

Vacancy Appointment

McPherson Appointed (Until Election Day April 2018)

Mayor Watz made the appointment of Judy McPherson to fill the vacancy left in the City Collector's office until the next municipal election to be held in April 2018. Alderman Wessler made a motion to approve the Mayor's appointment. Alderman Dalton seconded the motion. Alderman McCulloch abstained from voting and Alderman T.J. Carey voted "nay". The motion carried (by a majority of the Board present). Alderman McCulloch noted that he abstained due to relationship. Alderman Carey stated that while he had no objections to Ms. McPherson filling the position, he preferred a public election. Robert Mesger of 120 Jackson Street was present in the audience and interjected his opposition to the appointment. Some discussion ensued on political protocol with Administrator Hardy stating that according to City Code (115.070), if a vacancy occurs, the Mayor appoints with consent by the majority of the Board where the appointed will serve until the next regular municipal election.

(Note: 7:15 p.m., at this time Alderman Maupin arrived at the meeting in progress.)

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further input for the special meeting, Alderman Dalton made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Ward Two T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Ward One Tony Wessler, aye; Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton, aye; and, Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin, aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m..