

**Special Council Meeting
October 31, 2007**

I. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Marse called to order the special scheduled meeting of October 31st, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Mayor J. M. Marse, Council Members Earl King, Ray Jackson, Mike Helton, Jean Arrant and Charlie Simmons. Staff present: City Clerk Robin Haynes, Interim Fire Chief Ben Greenslait.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Councilman Helton gave the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

III. Fire Department Personnel

Councilman Simmons informed council that he had requested Mayor Marse call a special meeting for the purpose of discussing fire department personnel. At the regular council meeting of October 25, it was decided to advertise for a fire chief and then to hire additional personnel. Councilman Simmons was concerned that after that amount of time, the qualified volunteers he currently had (there are three certified at this time) would not be available for hire. He and Mayor Marse had interviewed Mr. Larry Helms, Ms. Hannah Wells, and Mr. Thomas Palmer, as well as additional volunteers that are currently Firefighter I certified. After brief discussion, Councilman Simmons motioned to hire Larry Helms, Hannah Wells, and Thomas Palmer subject to passing drug tests, physicals and background checks, subject to a six month probationary period, Councilman King seconded. There was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0. Councilman Simmons motioned to hire Richard Withrow as a part-time employee for fill in shifts, subject to budget funds being available, Councilman King seconded, there was no public or council discussion, the motion carried 5:0.

IV. Council Business Not On Agenda

None was presented

V. Public Business Not On Agenda

Clerk Haynes requested council to consider some dates after the first of the year for personnel workshops.

VI. Adjournment

Councilman Helton motioned to adjourn at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Robin Haynes, City Clerk

J.M. Marse, Mayor

Earl King, Council President