



City of Freeport
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 p.m./Council Chambers/Freeport City Hall
November 6, 2014

I. Meeting Called to Order

The November 6, 2014 Special Council Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Barley.

Council members present: Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon, Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Jennifer Laird and Councilwoman Janice McLean.

Staff present: City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, James Bird, Stacey Ward and Jennifer Douglas.

II. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

The invocation was given by Councilman Eddie Farris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

III. City Clerk Interviews

City Clerk candidates to be interviewed: Kim Caudill, Donna Crawford and Gary Mattison.

Mayor Barley distributed the references for all three city clerk candidates.

The Council briefly discussed procedure and opted to have Hughes-Neel place each candidate in a separate office/space and have the Council members rotate between the offices to interview individually.

Mayor Barley called a recess at 6:04 p.m.

“RECESS”

Mayor Barley reconvened the Special Council Meeting at 7:28 p.m. The city clerk candidates were allowed to leave as the Mayor will contact them the next day with results. The ranking sheets were passed to Hughes-Neel for tallying.

IV. IT Technician Presentations



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IT Tech candidate Wayne Dewitt was escorted to the conference room.

Dan Dobson made his presentation before the Council, then left the meeting

Wayne DeWitt was escorted back to the meeting. Mr. Dewitt made his presentation then left the meeting.

Council Discussion:

The Council discussed re-advertising. Councilwoman McLean discussed information she had been getting from other municipalities regarding how they handled IT Technical issues. She offered to research some more and report back to the Council.

Council Action:

Councilman Farris motioned to hold off on re-advertising so that Councilwoman McLean could research how other municipalities are handling IT Technical matters. Councilwoman McLean seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

V. City Clerk Rankings

Hughes-Neel announced the city clerk ranking as follows:

Points	Name
23	Gary Mattison
16	Donna Crawford
10	Kim Caudill

Council Action:

Councilman Farris motioned to hire Gary Mattison as City Clerk. Councilwoman Cuchens seconded the motion. All ayes; motion carried.

Councilwoman Cuchens motioned to offer Mattison \$48,000 instead of the starting salary of \$35,000 due to his 18 years of experience in Human Resources. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilman Farris motioned to offer \$45,000 then evaluate for \$48,000 after 60 days probation. Councilwoman Brannon seconded the motion. 3 Ayes (Farris,



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Brannon, Laird) to 2 nays (Cuchens, McLean). Motion carried.

VI. Adjournment

Mayor Barley called for a motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Cuchens motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED