

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, December 7, 2020

Regular Meeting

Item Minutes6

Council to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2020 Special Meeting.

Staff Contact: Kim Wright, City Clerk

Special Meeting
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The Scottsbluff City Council met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 2525 Circle Drive, Scottsbluff, NE. The meeting was requested by a written call therefor by Interim City Manager Kuckkahn. A notice of the meeting had been published on November 27, 2020 in the Star Herald, a newspaper published and of general circulation of the city. The notice stated the date, hour and place of the meeting; that the meeting would be open to the public and that anyone attending was encouraged to wear a mask and to respect social distance guidelines. It also stated that anyone with a disability desiring reasonable accommodation to attend the council meeting should contact the city clerk's office and that an agenda of the meeting kept continuously current was available for public inspection at the office of the city clerk in City Hall; provided, the city council could modify the agenda at the meeting if it determined that an emergency so required. A similar notice, together with a copy of the agenda, also had been delivered to each council member, made available to radio stations KNEB, KMOR, KOAQ, and television stations KSTF and KDUH, and the Star Herald. The notice was also available on the City's website on November 27, 2020. Mayor Raymond Gonzales presided and City Clerk Wright recorded the proceedings. Mayor Gonzales welcomed everyone and informed those in attendance that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was available for the public's review. The following Council Members were present: Raymond Gonzales, Jeanne McKerrigan, Scott Shaver, and Terry Schaub. Absent: Nathan Green. Also present were Interim City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Patricia Heminover from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause was present by teleconference, via Zoom.

Mayor Gonzales stated no other business shall be transacted at the special meeting unless all Council Members are present to consent and the City Council declares the existence of an emergency. He then asked if there was such an emergency. There was none.

Nathan Green entered the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Seth Sorensen was welcomed by Council, with each member given the opportunity to ask questions they thought were of importance. Questions asked ranged from what Mr. Sorensen's experience has been for the last 24 hours, his experience with Economic Development and where he sees growth, what he sees as his role as being the head of the regional hub, and to highlight his experience with public works.

Mr. Sorensen commented Scottsbluff is a clean city that shows an abundance of pride in the community. He added his experience with Economic Development is strong as he has worked hand in hand with the Economic Development Corporation in Pecos, Texas. He added Economic Development is a key component of a City, but to make it work you need to capitalize on community and welcome new businesses. He feels his job is to be a good representative of the city and at the same time find common ground with stakeholders because not everyone has the same role. He sees the lack of housing as an issue commenting, we need to make Scottsbluff affordable for people to live here. Where public works is concerned, he is very interested in streets, stating Scottsbluff has good streets, but they need to be maintained. Regarding landfills, he commented he has experience, adding there needs to be a long term plan, starting with money being saved every year for expenses. He also mentioned stormwater and citing the importance of having a dedicated revenue source and capital improvement program to help fund the program.

At the conclusion of the interview, Council thanked Mr. Sorensen for taking the time to visit Scottsbluff, meet the community and interview for the position of City Manager

Council Member Schaub moved, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 p.m., “YEAS,” Shaver, McKerrigan, Gonzales, Green, and Schaub. “NAYS,” None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

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