

City of Scottsbluff, Nebraska

Monday, December 7, 2020

Regular Meeting

Item Minutes7

Council to approve the minutes of the December 2, 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 Wednesday, December 2, 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 Nathan Green. Terry Schaub, who was ill, viewed by teleconference, via Zoom, but could not participate because he had not been ordered by a local public health agency to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19. Absent: None. Also present were Interim City Manager Rick Kuckkahn and City Attorney Kent Hadenfeldt. Patricia Heminover from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause was also 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.

Mr. Scott McClure was then welcomed by Council, with each member given the opportunity to ask questions they thought were of importance. Questions asked ranged from what Mr. McClure viewed as the City's role in Economic Development, why Scottsbluff should hire him for the job, what he would ask for a smooth transition, and his experience with community involvement.

Mr. McClure addressed Council and explained how happy he is to have this opportunity. He viewed the City's role in Economic Development as "setting the table" and giving high quality services. He also added the City needs to be responsive and supportive. He explained he should be Scottsbluff's next City Manager because he is the best person for the job. He gets things done quickly, communicates with Council and has 31 years' experience. He added a smooth transition would be one where he is given clear direction and has a good communication pattern with respect. He commented he is very involved with the community citing a major attribute is to be a good listener. He also mentioned the Chamber of Commerce and Rotary as boards he has served on.

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

Council Member Green moved, seconded by Council Member McKerrigan to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m., "YEAS," Green, Gonzales, Shaver, and McKerrigan. "NAYS," None. Absent: None.

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

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