

Special Council Meeting minutes, May 25, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Open meeting law requirements were met. Council attending: T. Wheeler, J. Tranberg, J. Anderson, P. Syverson and C. Ekern, J. Rawson. Others in attendance: Treasurer/Deputy Clerk-Debra Fremstad, Attorney-Mark Radcliffe, Joshua Greenwold arrived for portion of closed session.

Discuss next steps related to City employee retirement: J. Anderson stated that Bob Fraust has turned in his retirement papers and will be done June 3, 2022. When Joshua Greenwold was hired the intent was for him to step into Bob's position and then hire a 4th person to replace Joshua's spot. Are we all still in agreement? Joshua has passed 2 water tests and will be taking a 3rd in the future. His 6 month probation will be done July 4, 2022. We would like to place an ad for a 4th person to assist all public work managers. **Motion by D. Stephenson to place ad in the paper for a 4th person to assist with water-sewer, park, and street work, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion-none. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

The Personnel Committee pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c), may convene in closed session to consider the possible dismissal, demotion or discipline of a public employee and/or the investigation of charges against such public employee and possibly taking formal action on any such matter; and also, pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(g) to confer with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which is or is likely to become involved regarding a complaint received and pursuant to WI Statute 19.85(1)(c) will stay in closed session for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a probationary employee over whom the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. **Motion by J. Anderson to enter into closed session, 2nd by P. Syverson. Roll Call: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried. Motion by P. Syverson to allow J. Tranberg, T. Wheeler, C. Ekern, D. Fremstad, and J. Rawson to stay for closed session, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.**

Motion by P. Syverson to reconvene into open session, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Roll Call: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.

J. Anderson asked if there was any action to be made out of closed session. **Motion by C. Ekern to give Joshua Greenwold a \$0.50 raise after his 6 month probation period is up, 2nd by J. Tranberg. Discussion-what about raises for certificates? Already taken care of; \$0.50 for each certificate. Roll Call: D. Stephenson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, P. Syverson-yes, J. Anderson-yes, J. Tranberg-yes, T. Wheeler-yes. Motion carried.** J. Anderson called 3 times for any other motions to come out of closed session, hearing none, the item is put to rest.

Motion by J. Tranberg to adjourn, 2nd by T. Wheeler, Yes-6, No-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Debra Fremstad, City of Blair Treasurer/Deputy Clerk _____