

Special Commission Meeting Minutes
January 9, 2020
4:00 pm

Mayor Waters said before we begin the official meeting of the Starke City Commission, there will be a time of voluntary prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Those willing to do so are asked to stand and Commissioner Mortimer will lead us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Waters called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

Members present included Mayor Wilbur L. Waters, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were Director of Finance John-Paul Ledford, City Attorney Clay Martin, City Manager Bob Milner and City Clerk Ricky Thompson.

The candidates drew numbers to determine the order of the interviews. Dennis Stark drew number one. John Holman drew number two. Lyndon Bonner drew number three.

Following the interviews Attorney Martin asked the commissioners to rank each candidate first, second or third. He said the Clerk's Office will tally the rankings and provide the results. Mayor Waters asked if he could rank only two of the candidates. Attorney Martin said he could. The commissioners filled out the ranking sheets. Commissioner Smith asked if the candidates had provided a prospective contract. Mr. Milner said they each had one and he will provide them to the commissioners. Jim Hanson said he will provide the commissioners with a standard City Manager Contract from the International City Managers Association. Mr. Ledford came back with the compiled rankings. Mayor Waters ranked Mr. Holman first and Mr. Stark second. Commissioner Smith ranked Mr. Holman first and Mr. Stark second. Commissioner Mortimer ranked Mr. Holman first and Mr. Stark second. Commissioner Chastain ranked Mr. Holman first. Commissioner Nugent ranked Mr. Stark first, Mr. Holman second and Mr. Bonner third.

Mayor Waters entertained a motion to adopt the rankings by the commission. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion to adopt the rankings. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed 5-0. Mayor Waters entertained a motion to direct the city to check references for the top candidate Mr. Holman and begin negotiations. Commissioner Smith made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. Commissioner Mortimer asked if the results will be provided to the candidates. Attorney Martin said the candidates will be informed of the results of the meeting. The motion passed 5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm.