

Special Commission Meeting City Manager Interview Minutes
July 23, 2021
8:00 pm

Members attending included Mayor Shannon Smith, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent and Commissioner Wilbur Waters. Also present were City Manager John Holman and City Attorney Clay Martin. Commissioner Tommy Chastain was absent.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Mayor Smith asked Senior Advisor Jim Hanson to come forward. Mr. Hanson recommended the commissioners select a first and second candidate and allow the mayor and attorney to negotiate a contract. Mayor Smith thanked Mr. Hanson for his help with the process. He said he would like to have the top two candidates selected at the next commission meeting. The commissioners agreed.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Holman to come forward to address the American Recovery Act. Mr. Holman suggested postponing this discussion. Mayor Smith asked to table this item until the next meeting.

Commissioner Mortimer said that Southside Elementary School is looking for business partners. She handed out letters from the school.

Clerk Elect Jimmy Crosby asked Attorney Martin for an update on the houses across from Southside Elementary School. Attorney Martin said the houses were sighted in late 2019 but the ordinance only allowed for a fine. He said a dangerous building ordinance was created in early 2021. Attorney Martin said the new ordinance requires notification of interested parties and that the structure be found to be unsound to be torn down. He said there is a hazardous land element that clearly has been met. Attorney Martin said they will need to get Fire Chief Gary Wise and Engineer Justin deMello to determine if the buildings are dangerous. He said there is an additional property at 706 North Street with a caved in roof and leaning walls that is obviously unsound. Mr. Holman said he should at least be able to clean the property before school starts. Commissioner Mortimer asked about the destruction of the property on North Street. Mr. Holman said he has the letter from Chief Wise so they should be able to move forward.

Commissioner Waters asked Mr. Holman why another meter reader was hired. Mr. Holman said Clerk Thompson hired another meter reader. Commissioner Waters said he will speak to Clerk Thompson.

Commissioner Nugent asked Mr. Holman to provide the commissioners with copies of the applications for the Code Enforcement Officer position.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 pm.