

Special Commission Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2022
5:30 pm

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

Clerk Jimmy Crosby asked for a ten-minute recess. Vice Mayor Smith called for a recess.

Mayor Scott Roberts called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

Members attending included Mayor Scott Roberts, Commissioner Janice D. Mortimer, Commissioner Danny Nugent, Commissioner Andy Redding and Commissioner Shannon Smith. Also present were City Clerk Jimmy Crosby, Deputy Clerk Lisa Heeder, Finance Director James Hughes, Attorney Clay Martin and City Manager Drew Mullins.

Mayor Roberts asked Clerk Crosby if he had a recommendation. Clerk Crosby asked Mr. Hughes to present the findings of Interim Financing Bid Response Ranking Committee. Mr. Hughes said himself along with Jeff Oody and Jim Farrell ranked the bids and unanimously ranked Capital City Bank as first and Truist Bank as second. He said the consensus was First Federal as third and United Community Bank. Mr. Hughes said they felt that Capital City Bank had the best fixed rate of 3.95% and the least burdensome proposal.

Mayor Roberts asked if there were any changes to the agenda. There were none. He entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Nugent made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Redding. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Roberts asked for Clerk Crosby's recommendation. Clerk Crosby said "Mr. Mayor I would ask that you entertain a motion accepting their ranking of Capital City Bank as #1 and Truist as #2. Further that the motion authorize and direct city staff and legal counsel to commence development of loan documents with the top-ranked lender and should city staff and legal counsel be unable to successfully develop mutually acceptable loan documents with the top ranked bidder commence development of loan documents with the next highest ranked bidder". Commissioner Nugent made a motion. Commissioner Smith asked Commissioner Nugent to call out the names. Commissioner Nugent said I make a motion accepting their ranking of Capital City Bank as #1 and Truist as #2. Further that the motion authorize and direct city staff and legal counsel to commence development of loan documents with the top-ranked lender and should city staff and legal counsel be unable to successfully develop mutually acceptable loan documents with the top ranked bidder commence development of loan documents with the next highest ranked bidder. Mayor Roberts asked which lender Commissioner Nugent is recommending. Commissioner Nugent said Capital City Bank. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Mortimer asked why the term interim is used. Mr. Hughes said it is a USDA requirement. The Motion passed 5-0.

There being no further discussion Mayor Roberts entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Mortimer made a motion. It was seconded by Commissioner Nugent. The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 pm.