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Mayor~ Alvin Brandl
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL, February 28, 2019

The Mayor and City Council of the City of Madison met in special session in the Council Chambers, 211 South Lincoln Street, Madison, Nebraska on, Thursday, February 28, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Alvin Brandl called the meeting to order. Roll call found the following Council members present: Rob Fite, Rick Schommer, and Paul Kellen. Griselda Beery was absent. Staff members present were: Treasurer/Office Manager/Acting City Clerk, Paula Biehle, City Attorney Mike Brogan, and Utilities Superintendent Jim Lewis.

The Mayor presided and the Acting City Clerk recorded the proceedings.

Upon opening of the meeting at 6:01 p.m. *the Mayor welcomed all guests and gave reminder to turn off cell/phones/pagers.* The Mayor also informed the public about the location of the current copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the front entrance of the City Council Chambers and accessible to members of the public.

Notice of the meeting was given 24 hours in advance, thereof, by posting at the following locations in Madison, Nebraska: The office of the Madison STAR-MAIL, City Hall, Countryside Home and the Madison County Courthouse.

Notice was given to the Mayor and all members of the council and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice is attached to the minutes. Availability of the agenda was communicated in advance to the Mayor and Council of this meeting. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the public.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FITE to approve the meeting agenda. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Fite, Schommer. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

(The mayor and council addressed items in new business, prior to discussing old business.)



NEW BUSINESS *The following agenda items were approved or tabled to future meeting*

DISCUSSION: Mayor Brandl notified the council that John from Power Computing performed some checks on the City Office computer system and has suggested some updating and tying together of the systems, to improve the firewall and security. Power Computing has offered to provide some estimates, in the near future, for making the changes to the system.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHOMMER to allow Mayor Brandl to obtain estimates from Power Computing for possible implementation of improvements to the City computer system. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Clarification on start date for Jenna Kennedy as Administrator of Countryside Home and authorize her to sign documents and banking transactions. Mayor Brandl reported that Kennedy had received word from State of Nebraska DHHS that her provisional license has been approved, so she can start any time.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHOMMER to approve March 1, 2019 as the starting date for Jenna Kennedy, as the Administrator for Countryside Home. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHOMMER to authorize new Administrator Jenna Kennedy to sign official documents and banking transactions on behalf of Countryside Home, beginning on March 1, 2019. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FITE to enter into executive session at 6:19 pm for two reasons: **A.)** Update on a legal matter and **B.)** To discuss personnel matters. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Fite, Schommer, Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

ACTION: MOTION BY KELLEN, SECOND BY SCHOMMER to exit the executive session at 8:04 pm, which was held to discuss: **A.)** An update on a legal matter and **B.)** Personnel issues. Roll Call: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS *The following agenda items were approved or tabled to future meeting:*

DISCUSSION: Approve appointments for positions of: **A.)** City Clerk, **B.)** City Treasurer/Office Manager/Deputy Clerk, and **C.)** Bookkeeper/Deputy Treasurer.

ACTION: MOTION BY KELLEN, SECOND BY SCHOMMER to approve Mayor Brandl's appointments (both subject to a 90-day probation period) for: **A.)** Amanda Franzen as City Clerk, with an hourly wage of \$18.00 and **B.)** Lori Pfeifer as City Treasurer/Office Manager/Deputy Clerk, with an hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour. Roll Call: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHOMMER, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER FITE to approve Mayor Brandl's appointment of **C.)** Lori Kellen for the position of Bookkeeper/Deputy Treasurer, with an hourly wage of \$18.00 per hour and subject to a 90-day probation period. Roll Call: Yeas: Schommer and Fite. Nays: None. Abstain: Kellen, Absent: Beery. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION: Discussion was had to adjourning the meeting.

ACTION: MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KELLEN, SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER SCHOMMER to adjourn meeting at 8:10 pm. Roll Call: Yeas: Kellen, Schommer, Fite. Nays: None. Absent: Beery. Motion carried.



Paula Biehle, Acting City Clerk



Alvin Brandl, Mayor

I, the undersigned City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is the full, true and correct original document of the Madison City Council Meeting proceedings had and done by the Mayor and City Council; that all of the subjects included in the proceedings were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and available for public inspection at the office of the Clerk; that such subjects were contained in said agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the said minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; that all news media requesting notification concerning meetings of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.



Paula Biehle, Acting City Clerk