

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 18, 2014

6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Jerry Twombly, Randy Snyder, Charles Batchelder and Ben Gilmore

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Jim Watts

CITY EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Assistant City Clerk Joann Karn and City Clerk Melanie Hollabaugh

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis Lentz, Scott Sisk, Scott Huss, Rocky Ruhnke and Paul Stewart of the Kansas Chief

PRESIDING: Mayor Ken Stewart

PURPOSE: Discussion/Action/Executive Session: Employee issues, Waterline update and questions, Water tower final paperwork and payment and CMB Application for Rocky Ruhnke.

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m., with a quorum present.

Mayor Ken Stewart began the meeting by explaining to all the reasons for the Special meeting and what actions would need to be taken by the Council.

6:03p.m. Randy Snyder moved, seconded by Jerry Twombly to go into executive session until 6:18p.m., to discuss personnel for the protection of the privacy rights of the protected employee. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Ken Stewart and all four Council members present were given the Oath of Office by Melanie Hollabaugh as a Notary Public.

Charles Batchelder moved to ratify and approve all actions of the Highland City Council since July 2012. Jerry Twombly seconded, motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Jerry Twombly moved, seconded by Ben Gilmore to accept the resignation of Joann Karn as Assistant City Clerk effective immediately. Motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Ben Gilmore moved, seconded by Charles Batchelder to accept the resignation of Melanie Hollabaugh as City Clerk effective immediately. Motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Mayor Stewart announced he would like to appoint Joann Karn to be the City Clerk for the City of Highland with her duties to remain the same as her former position with the City, but her status would change to a full-time employee and she would start her position at step 8 on the City's salary schedule and this new appointment is to be effective immediately, with no break in time of employment with the City. After asking about the rate of pay, Jerry Twombly moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Joann Karn as stated. Charles Batchelder seconded, motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Joann Karn was given the Oath of Office for her new position by Melanie Hollabaugh as Notary Public.

Mayor Stewart announced he would like to appoint Melanie Hollabaugh to be the Assistant City Clerk and the Municipal Court Clerk for the City of Highland as a full-time employee with her hours, duties, wages and benefits to remain the same as her former position with the City, and this new appointment is to be effective immediately, with no break in time of employment with the City. Jerry Twombly asked about Ms. Hollabaugh's rate of pay. Charles Batchelder moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Melanie Hollabaugh as stated. Jerry Twombly seconded, motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Melanie Hollabaugh was given the Oath of Office by City Clerk Joann Karn.

Jerry Twombly moved, seconded by Charles Batchelder to ratify and approve all job duties that have been performed by Melanie Hollabaugh since July 2012. Motion carried 3-1 with Randy Snyder voting no.

Mayor Stewart stated that if anyone knew of any areas around town that still needed attention by Banks Construction to please contact City Hall so we could start compiling a list.

A memo was reviewed by the Council from BG Consultants concerning the new water tower. The Council agreed not to take any action until a representative from BG Consultants could meet with them.

Rocky Ruhnke stated that he did not have his new tax ID number yet and as soon as he got it he would submit his application.

6:29p.m. Jerry Twombly moved, seconded by Ben Gilmore to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor

City Clerk

