

**CITY OF FORT SCOTT
SPECIAL CITY COMMISSION MEETING**

Minutes of November 9, 2020

Special Meeting #14

A special meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held November 9th, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room, 123 S. Main Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Kevin Allen, Pete Allen, Randy Nichols, and Lindsey Watts were present with Mayor JoLynne Mitchell presiding.

AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE: Travis Shelton, Michael Hoyt, Deb McCoy, and Diana Morriss. Jeff Deane, City Attorney, appeared via Zoom.

CONSIDERATION:

1. Discussion of Interim City Manager position

Mayor Mitchell said that they will recess into Executive Session on these items.

L. Watts moved that the City Commission recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the Commission meeting room at City Hall at 3:46 p.m. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye. This included the City Commission and City Attorney.

L. Watts moved that the City Commission come out of Executive Session at 3:46 p.m. J. Mitchell seconded. All voted aye.

L. Watts moved that the City Commission recess into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel exception in K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(1). The open meeting will resume in the Commission meeting room at City Hall at 4:13 p.m. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye. This included the City Commission and City Attorney.

J. Mitchell moved that the City Commission come out of Executive Session at 4:13 p.m. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

R. Nichols moved that we offer the position of Interim City Manager to Jeff Hancock and that in his absence, the Mayor handle any day to day activities that come before the Staff or community. The H.R. Director will contact Mr. Hancock and secure a contract from him for the Commission

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to approve. L. Watts seconded. R. Nichols, L. Watts, and J. Mitchell voted aye. K. Allen and P. Allen voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

L. Watts said that this option was not taken lightly, and hours of research has been completed. We need to move our City forward in a new direction and she hopes this can be a step in that direction.

APPROVED TO OFFER THE POSITION OF INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO JEFF HANCOCK AND THAT IN HIS ABSENCE, THE MAYOR HANDLE ANY DAY TO DAY ACTIVITIES THAT COME BEFORE THE STAFF OR COMMUNITY. THE H.R. DIRECTOR WILL CONTACT MR. HANCOCK AND SECURE A CONTRACT FROM HIM FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE.

2. Discussion of search for new City Manager

R. Nichols moved that we engage Osenbaugh Consulting Firm and begin the process with them as soon as possible. L. Watts seconded and recommended adding that since we have a draft of a contract that the H.R. Director and the Mayor finalize this contract. R. Nichols moved to add that to his motion and L. Watts seconded the motion. R. Nichols, L. Watts and J. Mitchell voted aye. K. Allen and P. Allen voted no. Motion carried 3-2.

APPROVED TO ENGAGE OSENBAUGH CONSULTING FIRM AND BEGIN THE PROCESS WITH THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER. ALSO, FOR THE H.R. DIRECTOR AND THE MAYOR TO FINALIZE THE CONTRACT TO BEGIN THIS WORK.

ADJOURNMENT:

L. Watts moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:17 p.m. R. Nichols seconded. All voted aye.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT 4:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Clay, M.M.C.
City Clerk