

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Special Meeting
April 26, 2018

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Mayor Pro-Tem Henry D Ennis, Sr., Councilmembers: Ron Kelley, Janie Griffith, Wayne Graham, Kermit Wright, City Manager Danny Lucas, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson, Assistant City Manager Craig Drake and City Clerk Loretta Laird.

Mayor Campbell called the special meeting to order at 5 p.m. relating to the employment application of City Manager Danny Lucas. City Attorney Clayton Adkinson presented a findings-information report relating to Lucas employment application for the city manager position. Adkinson stated a member of the public inquired to Lucas' education section of the application. Adkinson further stated he investigated the matter relating to the education section on Lucas application.

Adkinson stated the application contains the following statement "I authorize investigation of all statements contained in this application for employment as may be necessary in arriving at an employment decision." Adkinson indicated on the report a full background check, verification, or other investigation was not completed prior to employment with no documents existing within the city's records to support or refute the information provided by Lucas on his application.

Adkinson discussed contacting the University of Georgia relating to education records for Lucas. A certificate of Public Management was issued to Lucas in 1993, in a program associated with Cobb County, as opposed to the University of Georgia. The certificate itself bears no signatures or official designations that a standard diploma or similar document from the University of Georgia would display.

Georgia Tech could not verify if Lucas was a student at their facility, however Lucas stated he would provide a transcript from Georgia Tech establishing him as a student at Georgia Tech. Adkinson stated as of the April 19, 2018, the transcript documentation had not been furnished to his office at that time.

Councilman Wright inquired to citizens speaking that have signed up to address the council at the meeting. Mayor Campbell stated ten citizens have requested to speak and if anyone else would like to speak then they could speak after the ones that have signed up.

Councilwoman Griffith requested three-minute speaking time limit per citizen. The mayor agreed to the request from Councilwoman Griffith.

The following citizens spoke relating to the city manager's employment application: Alexa Kempson, Robert McKnight, Jack Owen, Rev. Deborah Kempson-Thompson, Jan Kenney, Bruce Butts, Kathy Netterville, Sharon Grenet, Rev. Tyrone L. Broadus, Jeannine Cole, Marie Hinson, Lynda Morse, Amber Jones, Bronco Lane, Lee Thomas, Geneva Lee, James Huffman, Shayne Betts, Darrell Betts, Don Graham, Michelle Kitch, Dianne Pickett.

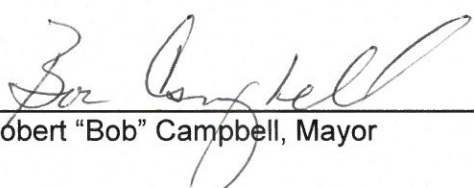
Councilman Graham made a motion to council take no action at this time. The motion died for a lack of a second.

Councilman Wright made a motion to terminate Danny Lucas effective Friday, April 27, 2018, due to false and/or misleading information provided on the employment application for the city manager position, seconded by Councilman Kelley. Griffith: Aye; Wright: Aye; Kelley: Aye; Ennis: Aye; Graham: Nay **Motion carried 4-1.**

Additional citizens spoke relating to the subject matter, those citizens were Barbara Johnson, Dr. Lynn Mayfield, Bruce Butts, Lynda Morse, James Huffman, Chis Mitchell, Jeannine Cole, Robert McKnight, Wayne White,

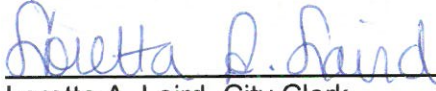
There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

ADOPTED on this 14th day of May, 2018.



Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk