

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Special Meeting
July 30, 2018

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

Mayor Campbell called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. relating to the appointments to the City Manager Application Review Committee selection process and to possible set interview dates for potential candidate(s).

City Manager Application Review Committee chair Jack Owen discussed the process the committee took relating to the applications for city manager. Owen stated the position closed on June 4, 2018, with 43 responses, with only 10 of those responses meeting the minimum qualifications and providing the appropriate documentation.

On June 19, 2018, the committee refined the number of candidates to six. However between June 19, 2018, and July 25, 2018, three of the applicants removed their name for consideration. On July 25, 2018, the committee interviewed two of the applicants and on July 26, 2018, the committee interviewed the remaining applicant.

The committee recommended moving two of the three applicants forward to the city council for as potential interview candidates. On July 28, 2018, one of the applicants removed his name for consideration leaving one candidate for the city council to interview.

Chair Owen discussed the committee expressing their appreciation and due diligence in the process and if the council decides to begin anew the committee members are in agreement to continue with the process.

Discussion occurred relating the number of hours the committee members have volunteered relating to the process. Chair Owen stated he has invested at least 12 to 14 hours at least to analysis the information and attend the meetings.

Councilwoman Griffith thanked Chair Owen for his assistance and discussed the council interviewing just the one candidate remaining and inquired to the city council moving forward with setting an interview date for the applicant. Councilman Kelley, Ennis agreed with Councilwoman Griffith. Councilman Graham inquired to having the position reposted for future applicants.

Councilman Wright thanked Chair Owen for his service on the committee.

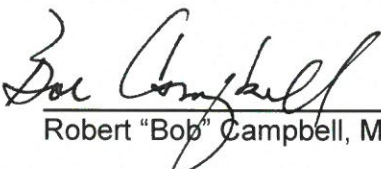
Councilwoman Griffith made a motion to have city staff contract the applicant and schedule an interview at a city council special meeting, seconded by Councilman Kelley.

Discussion occurred relating to having the meeting scheduled for Friday, August 10, 2018, Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Various citizens spoke in reference to the second candidate being interviewed for the position since he was not contacted as discussed at the committee level.


Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye **Motion carried 5-0.**

There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

ADOPTED on this 13th day of August, 2018.


Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk