

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Special Meeting
November 13, 2018

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

Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order at 5 p.m.

Finance Director Position

The ranking summary for the finance director position was presented to the council with Amy Heavilin receiving the majority of the highest rankings, then Debra Gibson, and last Jennifer Bass.

Discussion occurred relating to using the lowest score for the selection process with Debra Gibson receiving an 11, Amy Heavilin receiving a 12, and Jennifer Bass receiving a 13.

Councilman Ennis made a motion to have the selection process be made with the lowest score, seconded by Councilwoman Griffith. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Nay; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Nay; Councilman Graham: Nay; **Motion failed 3-2.**

Councilman Kelley made a motion to hire Amy Heavilin as the city's finance director, second by Councilman Graham. Councilwoman Griffith: Nay; Councilman Wright: Nay; Councilman Ennis: Nay; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye; **Motion failed 3-2.**

Councilman Ennis made a motion to hire Debra Gibson as the city's finance director, second by Councilwoman Griffith. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Nay; Councilman Graham: Nay; **Motion failed 3-2.**

Councilman Ennis made a motion to hire Jennifer Bass as the city's finance director, second by Councilman Kelley. Councilwoman Griffith: Nay; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Nay; Councilman Graham: Nay; **Motion failed 3-2.**

Discussion occurred to table the agenda item and have the city attorney research who can make a motion for a different individual.

Councilman Kelley made a motion to have the city clerk contact council members and decide on a convenient time to bring the finance director position tabled agenda item back for consideration, motion failed for lack of second.

Councilman Graham recommended a recess be taken for councilmembers to reconsider the applicants and come back to this agenda item after the remainder of the special meeting agenda items have been discussed.

Special Event Permit Application – Special Events Committee

City Clerk Loretta Laird requested authorization to approve a special event permit application for the Special Events Committee. The request is for a road closure at South 7th and South 8th Street on Saturday, November 24, 2018, from dusk to 9 p.m.

Councilman Graham made a motion to approve the road closure request on Saturday, November 24, 2018, from dusk to 9 p.m., seconded by Councilman Wright.

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

Veterans Crossing Project Partnership

Matthew Parker, JP Engineering, LLC, requested authorization to allow the city to partner with the CJS 331, LLC to obtain state grant funding and/or other financial incentives available for the development of the Veterans Crossing Project located south of Interstate 10 on the east side of U. S. Hwy. 331 South. The funding and/or incentives would be used for city infrastructure to be placed within the project.

Councilman Kelley made a motion to allow the city to partner with the CJS 331, LLC group relating to the Veterans Crossing Project to obtain state grant funding and/or other financial incentives for city infrastructure projects, seconded by Councilman Ennis. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye; **Motion carried 5-0.**

Mayor Campbell called a five-minute recess at 5:35 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 5:41 p.m.

Finance Director position

Councilman Graham made a motion to hire Debra Gibson as the city's finance director, seconded by Councilman Ennis. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Nay; Councilman Graham: Aye; **Motion carried 4-1.**

Councilwoman Griffith made a motion to set the annual salary for the finance director at a rate of \$90,000, seconded by Councilman Graham. Councilwoman Griffith: Aye; Councilman Wright: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Kelley: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye; **Motion carried 5-0.**

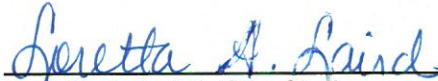
There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.

ADOPTED on this 10th day of December, 2018.



Robert "Bob" Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Loretta A. Laird, City Clerk