

DeFuniak Springs City Council
Special Meeting
May 9, 2019

The following members were present: Mayor Bob Campbell, Councilmembers: Henry D Ennis, Sr., Todd Bierbaum, Kevin Crystal, Wayne Graham; City Attorney Clay Adkinson, City Manager Mell Smigielski, Finance Director Debra Gibson and Cynthia Permenter.

Mayor Campbell called the special meeting to order at 6 p.m.

City Clerk Position

City Clerk Resignation

City Attorney Clay Adkinson reported that City Clerk Loretta Laird has tendered her resignation as of approximately 4:00 this afternoon. We received an offer in settlement in compromise of any outstanding claims Ms. Laird had against the City. Whereby in exchange for the sum of \$52,500 paid to her she will release and waive any and all claims she may have against the City and its officials. It is the recommendation of the City Attorney and City Manager to both accept her resignation and approve the settlement.

Councilman Graham made a motion to accept the resignation of Loretta Laird as City Clerk seconded by Councilman Ennis. Councilwoman Bierbaum: Aye; Councilman Crystal: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye **Motion carried 4-0.**

Settlement Agreement

Accept or reject the proposed offer of settlement of all claims in the amount of \$52,500.00.

Councilman Crystal made a motion to accept the offer of settlement of all claims in the amount of \$52,500.00, seconded by Councilman Graham. Councilwoman Bierbaum: Aye; Councilman Crystal: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye **Motion carried 4-0.**

The City Manager will execute the agreement based on council authority and the Council will ratify the final written document as soon as it's ready.

Deputy Clerk Appointment

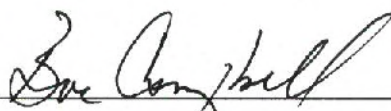
City Attorney Clay Adkinson stated Cynthia Permenter is filling in as clerk this evening. She functions in Deputy Clerk capacity.

Councilman Bierbaum made a motion to formally appoint Cynthia Permenter as Deputy City Clerk, seconded by Councilman Crystal. Councilwoman Bierbaum: Aye; Councilman Crystal: Aye; Councilman Ennis: Aye; Councilman Graham: Aye **Motion carried 4-0.**

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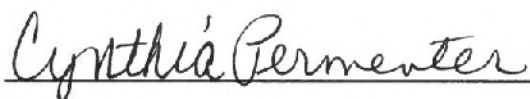
There being no further business, Mayor Campbell adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

ADOPTED on this 10th day of June, 2019.



Robert 'Bob' Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Cynthia Permenter, Deputy City Clerk