

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

January 31, 2012

11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The special council meeting was held Tuesday, January 31, 2012, in the Conference Room at City Hall. Mayor Chris Grenz called the meeting to order. Councilmembers present were Sue Galbraith, Bill Melnik, John Uden, Jerry Partridge, Mark Ahner, John Hollowell, Roxanna Brush and Dwayne Andrews.

Also present were City Planner Dianna Broadie, Public Utilities Director Al Kelm and Council Recorder/City Clerk Becky Stanton.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Grenz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by the City Clerk.

APPOINTMENTS

- a. Appointment of City Council Member to Planning Board, term to expire March 2014

*** Councilperson Ahner made a motion to nominate Councilperson Hollowell to the Planning Board, seconded by Councilperson Uden. There were no other nominations so nominations closed. Motion passed 7-0, with Councilperson Hollowell abstaining.*
- b. Selection of three board members for Zoning Committee. Letters of interest have been received from the following individuals:
 - Chris A. Grenz
 - Craig Dalakow
 - Nancy Mitchell
 - John Laney
 - LeRoy Meidinger
 - John KuntzOne term to expire March 2013
Two terms to expire March 2014

The floor was opened for nominations to one position with a 2014 expiration term.

Councilperson Ahner nominated LeRoy Meidinger, seconded by Councilperson Melnik.

Councilperson Melnik nominated John Laney, seconded by Councilperson Uden.

Councilperson Galbraith nominated John Kuntz, seconded by Councilperson Uden.

Councilperson Hollowell nominated Nancy Mitchell, seconded by Councilperson Brush.

The Mayor asked the Council if there were any other nominations and there were none. He asked for public comment.

Amber Trenka, 2317 Bridge St, has had the privilege to work with both Nancy Mitchell and John Kuntz on the Zoning Committee and has found both of them to be highly qualified and very able to do their jobs.

Nancy Mitchell, 1406 Tompy St, referred to the letters of interest submitted by the candidates to be used to choose the best three applicants. The Zoning Commission will be a very important asset to the City and will be making important decisions to advise the Council on future zoning issues. She requested the letters of interest be read before the Council votes.

Muriel Rost, 1007 S. Stacy, highly recommended to reappoint John Kuntz and Nancy Mitchell and to please consider the letters of interest, looking at the professionalism and content of those letters.

Amorette Allison, 402 S. Lake, was on the Commission for ten years and chairperson for three years. The public has a right to participate in the process, the process has to be correct to be legal because there can be lawsuits as a result of zoning. It is very important that the correct procedures be followed. She would like knowledgeable and experienced people on the Commission to protect the City.

Mary Elizabeth Irion, 141 Balsam Dr., wants strong leadership to move the City into the future and it needs a strong Planning Board and Zoning Commission. The Council is taking us into the future with this decision.

John Kuntz, 132 Balsam Dr., has been on both the Planning Board and Zoning Commission for seven years and his goal was to protect the citizens and the members of the Council from doing illegal things. His goal was to see that the City was not awash in lawsuits.

City Clerk read the letters of interest from the six candidates for Zoning Commission.

** *On roll call vote, Nancy Mitchell received 5 aye votes and 3 nay votes, so she won the first position with a 2014 expiration term.*

Then nominations for the second position with a 2014 expiration term were opened.

Councilperson Galbraith nominated John Kuntz, seconded by Councilperson Andrews.

Councilperson Melnik nominated John Laney, seconded by Councilperson Hollowell.

Councilperson Ahner nominated LeRoy Meidinger, seconded by Councilperson Uden.

The Mayor asked the Council if there were any other nominations and there were none. He asked for public comment.

Muriel Rost, 1007 S. Stacy, requested that the Council remember the content of the letters of interest and the competence of the nominees.

Mary Elizabeth Irion, 141 Balsam Dr., agreed with Ms. Rost's comments and noted that it means a lot that these people want to serve the public.

** *On roll call vote, John Laney received 2 aye votes and 6 nay votes, with Councilpersons Galbraith, Uden, Partridge, Ahner, Brush and Andrews voting nay, for the second position with a 2014 expiration term.*

** *On roll call vote, LeRoy Meidinger received 4 aye votes, 2 nay votes and 2 abstentions, with Councilpersons Galbraith and Andrews voting nay and Councilpersons Melnik and Hollowell abstaining, for the second position with a 2014 expiration term.*

** *On roll call vote, John Kuntz received 2 aye votes and 6 abstention votes, with Councilpersons Melnik, Uden, Partridge, Ahner, Hollowell and Brush abstaining, for the second position with a 2014 expiration term.*

This created a tie between John Laney and John Kuntz, so Council voted on a tie breaker between these two for the second position with a 2014 expiration term.

** *On roll call vote, John Laney received 6 aye votes and 2 nay votes, with Councilpersons Galbraith and Andrews voting nay so John Laney won the tie breaker to narrow the nominees to two for next vote between LeRoy Meidinger and John Laney.*

Then Council voted between John Laney and LeRoy Meidinger for the second position with a 2014 expiration term.

** *On roll call vote, John Laney received 4 aye votes and 4 nay votes, with Councilpersons Ahner, Brush, Uden and Partridge voting nay.*

** *On roll call vote, LeRoy Meidinger received 4 aye votes and 4 nay votes, with Councilpersons Galbraith, Melnik, Hollowell and Andrews abstaining.*

This created a tie between John Laney and LeRoy Meidinger so Mayor Grenz cast the tie breaking vote for LeRoy Meidinger. LeRoy Meidinger won the second position with a 2014 term.

Then the floor was open for nominations to one 2013 term.

Councilperson Galbraith nominated John Kuntz, seconded by Councilperson Andrews.

Councilperson Uden nominated Chris Grenz, seconded by Councilperson Brush.

Councilperson Hollowell nominated John Laney, seconded by Councilperson Melnik.

The Mayor asked if there were any other nominations and there were none. He asked for public comment.

Amorette Allison, 402 S. Stacy, noted that ten years ago the City could not find anyone who would serve on the Zoning Commission and finds it ironic that we have so much interest now.

** *On roll call vote, Chris A Grenz received 7 aye votes and 1 nay votes, with Councilpersons Galbraith voting nay, for the position with a 2013 expiration term.*

By majority vote of the Council, Mayor Grenz won the position with a 2013 expiration term.

NEW BUSINESS

-None

ADJOURNMENT

** The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

CHRIS A GRENZ, Mayor

ATTEST:

BECKY STANTON, City Clerk