

CITY OF FREEPORT
SEPTEMBER 22, 2015 SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

I. Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened by Mayor Russ Barley at 7:45 pm, following the Special Council Meeting on Millage Rate and Budget. The meeting took place in Council Chambers of Freeport City Hall.

Council members present: Councilman Eddie Farris, Councilwoman Kasey Cuchens, Councilwoman Janice McLean, Mayor Russ Barley, Councilwoman Elizabeth Brannon and Councilwoman Jennifer Laird.

City Staff present: City Clerk Gary Mattison, City Planner Latilda Hughes-Neel, City Attorney Clayton Adkinson and City Engineer Anna Hudson.

II. Staff Accountant Position

Councilwoman McLean: I am very concerned that Joe Jennings waited until the day he was supposed to start to let us know he could not come for another week.

City Clerk Mattison: when I talked to Joe, he apologized for the delay. There was a situation beyond his control at his current job. He will be here next Monday. He actually sent the message last Friday about the unforeseen problem. Due to problems with my phone, I did not get the message until later in the weekend and I forwarded the message to the Council.

Councilwoman McLean: I did not get the message until Monday morning. I am wondering if we should give up on him coming and go to the next person on the list.

Councilwoman Brannon: if this budget process has taught us anything, it's that we need a professional accountant taking care of our finances and developing our budget.

Councilwoman Laird: I agree with Elizabeth (Councilwoman Brannon).

Councilman Farris: I took it upon myself to call Joe directly. He explained that he was trying to complete a project he was required to do by his current company and there were some problems with the project he had to work out and finish. But he did commit to being here on September 28th.

Mayor Barley: does anyone want to make a motion to withdraw the offer of employment or do we stay with the agreement to hire?

No one offered a motion.

III. Meeting Adjourned

Mayor Barley adjourned the meeting by gavel at 7:54pm.

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Mayor

Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED