

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
November 12, 2024
11:15 a.m.
Busch Municipal Building, 840 Boonville Avenue
Councilman Denny Wayne Conference Room (4th Floor)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abe McGull, Callie Carroll, Brandon Jenson, Matthew Simpson, Heather Hardinger*, Craig Hosmer, Derek Lee**, and Ken McClure.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Monica Horton.

STAFF PRESENT: Jordan Paul, City Attorney; Anita Cotter, City Clerk; Julie Greer, Deputy City Clerk; and Kristina D'Andrea, City Clerk Administrative Specialist.

GUESTS: None.

* **Via Zoom**

****Arrived at approximately 11:20 a.m.**

Mayor McClure called the meeting to order at approximately 11:10 a.m. and roll call was conducted. Present: Carroll, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger (Zoom), Hosmer, and McClure. Absent: Horton and Lee.

Mayor Pro Tem Simpson moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2024, and January 9, 2024, Committee of the Whole meetings. Councilmember McGull seconded the motion, and they were approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger, Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and Lee. Abstain: None.

Mayor McClure noted the purpose of the meeting was to consider appointments and reappointments to the Board of Public Utilities. He noted there were two members to be considered for reappointments: Dr. Alina Lehnert and Mr. Steve Edwards, as their first full terms will expire on December 1, 2024. Mayor McClure also noted the resignation of Matthew Stublefield and the second term expirations of Kristin Carter and Scott Bratcher on December 1, 2024, and the need for three appointments to replace them.

Councilmember Hosmer moved to reappoint both Dr. Alina Lehnert and Steve Edwards to second terms to the Board of Public Utilities. Mayor Pro Tem Simpson seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger (Zoom), Hosmer, and McClure. Nays: None. Absent: Horton and Lee. Abstain: None.

The Committee moved forward with interviews of the candidates for the Board of Public Utilities. The same five questions were asked of each candidate (Exhibit A). Candidates who live reside inside City Limits were interviewed as follows:

- 11:40 a.m. - Jeffery Shore
- 11:50 a.m. - Cole Perry
- 12:00 p.m. - Johnny McNeil
- 12:20 p.m. - Ryan Kruger
- 12:30 p.m. - Lisa Turner

A vote was taken to determine which two applicants would be selected to fill the seats vacated by Matthew Stublefield, who resigned, and Scott Bratcher, whose term will expire December 1, 2024.

Jeffery Shore and Ryan Kruger received the necessary five votes during the first-round vote (Exhibit B).

Candidate who resided outside the city limits were interviewed as follows:

- 1:00 p.m. - Jarrod Holiway
- 1:10 p.m. - Howard Hardecke
- 1:20 p.m. - Dana Maugans
- 1:35 p.m. - Scott Rose
- 1:50 p.m. - Ryan Murray
- 2:05 p.m. - Darrell Moore
- 2:20 p.m. - Ryan Mooney

Edwin Garvin was scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and did not show for his interview.

A vote was taken to determine which applicant would be selected to fill the seat vacated by Kristin Carter, whose term will expire December 1, 2024.

The first round of voting resulted in no one applicant receiving the necessary five votes for selection (Exhibit C). Ryan Mooney received the necessary five votes during the second-round vote (Exhibit D).

The recommendation for the reappointment of Dr. Alina Lehnert and Steve Edwards will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the November 18, 2024, City Council meeting.

The recommendation for Mr. Shore to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Stublefield, the recommendation for Mr. Kruger to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Bratcher, and the recommendation for Mr. Mooney to fill the vacancy left by Ms. Carter, will be forwarded to City Council for consideration at the November 18, 2024, City Council meeting.

Councilmember Jenson moved to adjourn. Councilmember Carroll seconded the motion, and it was approved by the following vote: Ayes: Lee, Carroll, McGull, Jenson, Simpson, Hardinger (Zoom), and McClure. Nays: Hosmer. Absent: Horton. Nays: Hosmer. Abstain: None.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Prepared by Kristina D'Andrea