

**SPECIAL MEETING  
JANUARY 3, 2011**

The Special Meeting of the City Commission was called to order at 5:30 pm in the Commission Chambers by Mayor Jeff Bearden, and a quorum was declared present.

Present: Mayor Jeff Bearden

Commissioners: Jimmy Dennis, Russell Brownlow, Travis Taylor and Phil McCuiston

Staff Present: City Manager Mitch Grant, City Attorney Trish C. Byars, Police Chief Tom Wilson, and City Secretary Linda Byers.

Mayor Bearden led the group in the invocation.

Mayor asked for and received unanimous consent to change the order of the agenda.

**FINAL PAY FOR FORMER MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

City Manager Grant explained that according to City Policy, when an employee resigns they are able to be paid for their accumulated vacation pay if they give two weeks' notice. Since Ms. Flores was not allowed to give that two weeks' notice, he is requesting that the Commission waive that requirement and pay Ms. Flores accumulated vacation pay in the amount of \$5,313.17.

Commissioner McCuiston made the motion to waive the requirement for two weeks notice so that Ms. Flores could be paid for her vacation pay.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**REORGANIZATION OF MUNICIPAL COURT**

Mayor Bearden informed the Commissioners that they would have the opportunity as they appoint a new Municipal Judge, to review and update policies and procedures about how court hours are set and how to expedite the docket. The current court date at this time is about 12 months from now.

Mayor Bearden asked the Commission to consider and approve authorizing City Manager Grant, City Attorney Byars and the new appointment as Municipal Judge to consider options for revised policies and procedures, hours, and processes for Municipal Court. And that they bring those suggestions back to the Commission for endorsement.

There would not be any changes that would impact the Code of Ordinances.

Commissioner Dennis made the motion to authorize the City Manager, the City Attorney, the appointed Municipal Judge and other staff as appropriate to approve options for the reorganization of Municipal Court and report back to the City Commission.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL JUDGE**

There were 32 applicants for this position. Mayor Bearden noted that there were several options that the Commission could use. They can make nominations for the position, or move to appoint a judge, or they can do interviews of any of the applicants. The process for selecting a new judge has not been discussed. They can wait until Executive Session at a later meeting to discuss the applicants.

Commissioner Taylor made the motion to table the appointment of the Municipal Judge until the meeting January 4, 2010 at 5:30 pm.

Commissioner Brownlow seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

**ADJOURN**

Commissioner McCuiston made the motion to adjourn at 5:43 pm.

Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous vote.

  
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Jeff Bearden  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Linda Byers  
City Secretary