

OTTUMWA CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 23
Council Chambers, City Hall

August 23, 2019
12:00 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 P.M.

Present were Council Member Dalbey, Roe, Stevens, Streeby and Mayor Lazio. Council Member Berg was absent.

Dalbey moved, seconded by Roe to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item on the agenda. There were none.

Stevens moved, seconded by Dalbey to accept the resignation of Andy Morris as City Admin. effective 8/23/19, subject to the negotiation of a severance package. City Attorney Keith stated that the proposed severance package will be brought to council for approval once it is decided. All ayes.

Stevens moved, seconded by Dalbey to appoint Mayor Tom X. Lazio as the interim City Admin. City Attorney Keith stated that Mayor Lazio has volunteered to serve as interim until a replacement can be found. He will not receive any additional compensation. She confirmed that this appointment is legal and appropriate for Council to make. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey in hiring Attorney Gayla Harrison to supervise the negotiation of a severance package with Andy Morris as well as provide legal guidance to the Mayor and Council regarding personnel issues retroactive to 6/1/2019. Mayor consulted with Miss Harrison as advised by council so City Attorney Keith would not have conflict of interest in this decision. Current bill for services totals \$1300. All ayes.

Stevens moved, seconded by Streeby to appoint Council Member Matt Dalbey to serve as Mayor Pro Tem until Mayor Tom X. Lazio resumes his duties as Mayor. Ayes: Roe, Stevens, Streeby. Abstained: Dalbey. Motion passed.

Roe moved, seconded by Streeby to authorize Mayor Tom X. Lazio and City Attorney Joni Keith to establish a process for hiring a City Admin., solicit RFP's for executive search firms, and recommend the hiring of an executive search firm to recruit, conduct background checks and assist in the hiring of a new City Admin. City Attorney Keith stated it may take 3-6 months to fill this position. All ayes.

Mayor Lazio inquired if there was anyone from the audience who wished to address an item not on the agenda. There were none.

Streeby moved, seconded by Dalbey that the meeting recess and reconvene in Room 108 for closed session proceedings. All ayes. The meeting recessed at 12:14 P.M.

SPECIAL MEETING NO. 23
Room 108, City Hall

August 23, 2019
12:17 O'Clock P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 12:17 P.M.

Present were Council Member Dalbey, Roe, Stevens, Streeby and Mayor Lazio. Council Member Berg was absent.

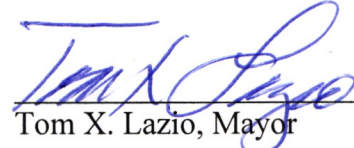
Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey to enter into closed session in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5 1.c ("To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.") for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. All ayes.

The meeting entered closed session at 12:18 P.M.

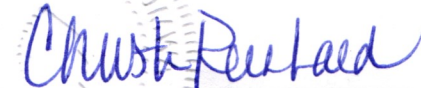
Roe moved, seconded by Stevens to return to open session for adjournment at 1:20 P.M. All ayes.

Roe moved, seconded by Dalbey that the meeting adjourn. All ayes. Adjournment was at 1:20 P.M.

CITY OF OTTUMWA, IOWA


Tom X. Lazio, Mayor

ATTEST:


Christina Reinhard, City Clerk

