

Special Town Council Meeting

September 1, 2016

Council Chambers

6:00 pm

Minutes & General Account

Council Members Present: Mayor Volz, Council Members Montgomery, Nixon-Roney, Ragsdale and Straughn

Staff Present: Judy Gallman, Paul Blanchard, Sharen Apple, Jeff Greeson, Beth Koonce, Town Attorney (Minutes recorded by Sharen Apple)

Visitors Present: John & Vickie Capes (arrived at the end of the meeting)

Mayor Volz called the meeting to order.

Council Member Ragsdale made a motion to approve the termination of Chuck Smith as Town Manager with 3 months' salary as severance and 3 months insurance. Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote of 3-1.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to N. C. G. S. 143-318.11(a)(6). Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council and the Town Attorney reconvened in the Office of the Town Manager for the closed session.

Town staff remained in the Council Chambers.

----- Closed Session -----

The Town Council reconvened in the Council Chambers. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to resume the special meeting. Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to hire Kathryn Billings as Interim Town Manager as follows:

Proposal to hire Kathryn Billings as Interim Town Manager:

- Salary to be paid in an amount of \$16,500.00 per month
- Health, dental, vision and life insurance policies will be provided for employee

- 401(k) will be contributed at a rate of 4.5% of salary, and employee may also make contributions if desired
- Phone stipend \$50.00 per month, for use of personal phone

This proposal is effective September 1, 2016. Salary and benefits for the remainder of the fiscal year (January 1 – June 30) will be reviewed at the December 2016 Town Council meeting.

Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mayor Volz presented for consideration a Resolution Appointing Kathryn Billings as Deputy Finance Officer and Authorizing Kathryn Billings as a Signer on the Public Deposits of the Town. Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to adopt the Resolution. Council Member Straughn made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Nixon-Roney made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Ragsdale made a second to the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.