

Minutes for the Special Called City Council Meeting

101 W. First Street, Lowell, North Carolina 28098

January 3, 2024, 6:15 PM - January 3, 2024, 6:35 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Phil Bonham**, Councilmember
- **DeWayne Chitwood**, Councilmember
- **Travis Smith**, Councilmember
- **Shane Robinson**, Councilmember
- **Scott Bates**, Mayor Pro Tem
- **Larry Simonds**, Mayor

1. Call to Order

1A. Call To Order- 6:30 PM

Mayor Simonds called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. New Business

2A. Personnel meeting (per the request of Mayor Larry Simonds)-

Mayor Simonds stated he called this meeting to order himself, wished everyone a Happy New Year, then asked for a motion to go into Closed/Executive Session. John Russell, City Attorney said that this is not on the calendar [agenda] so the first needing to be done is to adopt the agenda, then a motion to amend the agenda to include a Closed Session and have a reason to go into Closed Session. He said the General Statute for personnel matters is 143.318.11 subsection 6 to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to amend the agenda to add Closed Session, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bates. The vote was passed 3 to 2, with Mayor Pro Tem Bates, and Councilmembers Robinson and Chitwood voting yay and Councilmember Bonham and Smith voting nay. Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Bates. The vote was passed 3 to 2, with Mayor Pro Tem Bates, and Councilmembers Robinson and Chitwood voting yay and Councilmember Bonham and Smith voting nay. Mayor Pro Tem Bates

then made a motion to go into Closed Session per GS 143.318.11 subsection 6, seconded by Councilmember Robinson. The vote was passed 3 to 2, with Mayor Pro Tem Bates, and Councilmembers Robinson and Chitwood voting yay and Councilmember Bonham and Smith voting nay.


The public was then asked to leave Council Chambers. Mayor Simonds asked for the City Clerk to leave as well. City Manager Scott Attaway said the clerk has to stay as recorder of the minutes.

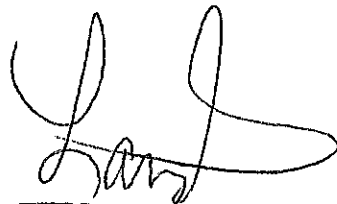
No actions were taken during Closed Session

Councilmember Smith made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Councilmember Bonham. The vote was unanimously in favor. The public then returned.

3. ADJOURN

Councilmember Robinson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilmember Bonham. The vote was unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:38pm


Cheryl Ramsey, City Clerk


Larry Simonds, Mayor