

MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING
August 16, 2017
5:00 pm City Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Cox called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm
Council members present: Paul Hendricks, Robert Muth, Jenny Taylor, Amy Weissfeld
Staff present: Eric Hansen, Carla Cosentino, Ben Shumaker, City Attorney Ken Woodrich
Guests: Scott Anderson, D Sam Hughes, Kari Fagerness, Leana Johnson
2. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA:** None.
3. **NEW BUSINESS:**
 - a) City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Vacancy – City Attorney Ken Woodrich explained that the Mayor-Council form of government gives the Mayor exclusive power to make the appointment, even though by ordinance the Council now must confirm the appointment. Woodrich cautioned that the Executive Sessions be limited to evaluating and debating the qualifications and performance of the candidates and that actions to recommend or vote on a candidate be conducted during the open meeting.
4. **EXECUTIVE SESSIONS – City Council convened into a series of Executive Sessions under RCW 42.30.110.1(g) to evaluate the qualifications of applicants for public employment.** Scott Anderson, Carla Cosentino, & Eric Hansen, were invited to join in all executive sessions. Ken Woodrich had to leave and return for other commitments but was present for portions of Sessions 1 and 4 and all of 5.
Executive Session 1 convened at 5:21 PM for 20 min; D Sam Hughes joined; the time was extended to 5:51 PM; applicant excused
Executive Session 2 convened at 5:52 PM for 20 min; Kari Fagerness joined; the time was extended to 6:05 PM; applicant excused
Executive Session 3 convened at 6:30 PM for 20 min; Ben Shumaker joined; the time was extended to 6:55 PM; applicant excused
Executive Session 4 convened at 7:15 PM for 20 min; Leana Johnson joined; the time was extended to 7:40 and again to 7:45; applicant excused
Executive Session 5 convened at 7:45 PM for 15 min
5. **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:** Mayor Cox reconvened the regular Council meeting and called it to order at 8:07 PM.
6. **CITY COUNCIL ACTION:**

MOTION: **MUTH** moved to recommend Kari Fagerness be appointed to the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer position; **TAYLOR** second. 2 ayes (Muth/Taylor); 2 nays (Hendricks/Weissfeld); Mayor broke tie with nay vote. Motioned failed.

MOTION: **HENDRICKS** moved to recommend Leana Johnson be appointed to the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer position; motion died for lack of second

MAYOR COX appoints Leana Johnson to the City Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer position.

MOTION: **MUTH** moved to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Leana Johnson; **WEISSFELD** second; 3 ayes (Muth, Weissfeld, Hendricks), 1 nay (Taylor); motion carried.

Mayor to negotiate with Johnson and present salary and employment contract at the 8/24/17 meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:53 pm.

_____ approved; _____ approved with revisions

Frank Cox, Mayor

Minutes by Carla Cosentino

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