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.

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Frank Cox, Mayor

*Minutes by Carla Cosentino*