

BROWN CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
PROCEEDINGS
September 13, 2022

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER AT 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Julie Miller; Councilmembers: Christine Lee, Stacy Biel, Eugene Navock, and Walter Robison; City Clerk Rhonda Johnson and DPW Foreman Mike Vislosky.

ABSENT: Councilmembers Pat Jacobson and Ross McIvor; City Manager Clint Holmes; City Attorney Gregory Stremers, and Police Chief Ron Smith.

GUESTS: Frank Walsh, Lyne Kreiner, Becky Vislosky, Stephanie Stimson, Doug Muxlow, Dave VanCura, Charles Bennett, Lorrelei Natke (5:43), and Karen Roy (6:25).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY MAYOR JULIE MILLER.

INTERVIEWS FOR CITY MANAGER:

1. Charles Bennett interview began at 5:01 p.m. ended at 5:35 p.m.
2. Lorrelei Natke interview began at 5:43 p.m. ended at 6:10 p.m.
3. Karen Roy interview began at 6:26 p.m. ended at 6:51 p.m.

Discussion of the decision process.

Consensus by Council that all were strong candidates.

Consensus by Council that one very qualified applicant had a possible conflict of interest.

Consensus of Council to allow public input before making a decision.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

Ron Marion said that he wished he had a blender because each candidate had strengths, and Council should take names and faces off and then decide.

Stephanie Stimson said that the questions were very well done by Frank Walsh, and that she was impressed that each applicant took the time to familiarize themselves with the Master Plan.

Doug Muxlow said that whoever Council chooses, they should be sure to support that person.

Stephanie Stimson said that the current city manager has plans and delaying a decision would limit overlap time.

Discussion of decision process.

Frank Walsh said that any offer of employment would be contingent on successful contract negotiations and on passing an extensive background check.

Motion by CM Robison, Second by CM Navock, to extend an offer to Charles Bennett of employment contingent on the completion of successful contract negotiations and a successful background check.

Roll Call Vote: CM Navock – Yes, CM Robison – Yes, CM Lee – Yes, CM Biel – Yes, CM Mclvor – Absent, CM Jacobson – Absent. 4 – Yays, 0 – Nays, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstaining. Motion Carried.

Motion by CM Biel, Second by CM Lee, to Name Lorrelei Natke as Alternate Choice for City Manager should candidate number 1 not move forward in the process.

Roll Call Vote: CM Navock – Yes, CM Robison – Yes, CM Lee – Yes, CM Biel – Yes, CM Mclvor – Absent, CM Jacobson – Absent. 4 – Yays, 0 – Nays, 2 – Absent, 0 – Abstaining. Motion Carried.

Frank Walsh said that negotiations and background check should be ready by the next council meeting September 26. Mr. Walsh said that his contract with the city is good until a city manager is hired and in place. He also said that the quality of all three candidates is outstanding when compared to others he's had in recruitment.

Council expressed gratitude and appreciation for the excellent job done by Frank Walsh in recruiting candidates for city manager.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Lee, Second by CM Biel, to Adjourn the September 13, 2022, Special Meeting of the City Council at 7:26 p.m. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Johnson
City Clerk