

A Special Meeting of the Leslie City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at Leslie City Hall, 107 E. Bellevue Street, with Mayor Ron Schmit presiding.

ROLL CALL. PRESENT: Councilmembers Beyer, Wood, Motes, Fox, Beegle, Zamora, Mayor Schmit.

ABSENT: NONE.

ALSO PRESENT: Interim City Manager Cheryl Neu, City Clerk Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Denae Davenport, Police Chief Bob Delamarter, Director of Public Works Martha Owen, Leslie Public Schools Superintendent Corey Netzley, *Jackson Citizen Patriot* writer Larry Hook, Leslie Township Trustee Judy Vickers, guest John Stewart.

Corey Netzley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PURPOSE OF THIS SPECIAL MEETING: Consider selection of a City Manager Candidate.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Leslie Police Chief Delamarter read a statement for the record, then presented it to the Clerk. His statement strongly supported the selection of candidate Duane LeRoy for City Manager. This statement is available on file and a copy will be inserted in the official minutes book of the Council.

John Stewart thanked Council for the process they have followed in choosing the next City Manager. He agreed with the attributes noted by Chief Delamarter as important, adding he feels Leslie's downtown is in disrepair. He stated he feels the manager needs experience with Local, County and State authorities, needs to be able to assess the infrastructure, and needs to be ready to go today.

Clerk Weideman then presented a statement from Loretta Vince, explaining that Ms. Vince was unable to attend this meeting but asked that her statement be presented for the record. The statement was read and was fully supportive of candidate Duane LeRoy as the next City Manager. This written statement is available on file and a copy will be inserted in the official minutes book of the Council.

Mayor Schmit then invited discussion of all candidates. Each Councilmember and the Mayor offered comments for various candidates. Thorough discussion followed.

Moved by Zamora, seconded by Motes, to hire Greg Sinicropi as City Manager and authorize Mayor Schmit and Interim City manager Neu to negotiate terms of an employment agreement to be brought back to Council for approval. Roll call vote.

Yes: Councilmembers Motes, Zamora.

Noes: Councilmembers Beyer, Wood, Fox, Beegle, Mayor Schmit.

Moved by Beegle, seconded by Fox, to hire Brian Reed as City Manager and authorize Mayor Schmit and Interim City Manager Neu to negotiate terms of an employment agreement to be brought back to Council for approval. Roll call vote.

Yes: Councilmembers Beyer, Wood, Motes, Fox, Beegle, Zamora, Mayor Schmit.

Motion carried.

Moved by Fox, seconded by Zamora, to adjourn the meeting. All yes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned, 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vyrna Dotte Weideman, Leslie City Clerk