

Council Present:

Jacob Daniels
Dave Stram
Jane Vincent

A.J. O'Connell
Nora Reynolds

Staff Present:

Roberta Tharp
Layli Nichols
Shelley Humble
Jamon Kent

City Recorder
Finance Director
Airport Manager
Interim City
Administrator

Council Absent: 0

Press: 5 - The Chronicle, KEZI, KMTR, KVAL, one unknown press person

Audience: 11

The Special City Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Dave Stram at 10:08 AM and the Pledge of Allegiance given.

Public Forum

No public comments were given.

Mayor Stram asked for the Council's consent to add an agenda item to be placed just prior to adjournment. The Council gave their consensus to add to the agenda: Council consensus to begin advertising for a new City Administrator as item no. 4 and move adjournment to item no. 5.

Mayor Stram thanked the City Council, East Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart, County Commissioner Sid Lieken, Executive Director of LCOG (Lane Council of Governments) Brenda Wilson, Byron Vanderpool and Jamon Kent of LCOG, the community, and city staff for all the support and help he received during the past week.

Appointment of Interim City Administrator – Mayor Stram read from the City Charter Charter VIII, Section 33 (g) the process for appointment of a pro-tem City Administrator. It is his intent today to appoint an interim administrator, not a pro-tem who would have full authority acting on behalf of the City of Creswell as City Administrator. Mayor Stram introduced Jamon Kent and asked him to address the Council in order to provide a brief bio and to answer questions the Council may have of him.

Mr. Kent addressed the council and stated it is an honor to be asked to work in Creswell again. He loves to help people and looks for ways to solve problems in order to move toward the future. Mr. Kent has worked in Coburg, Junction City, Canyonville, Winston and Lowell as either interim City Administrator or working with the Council, Council President and Mayor. He is looking forward to the opportunity to help Creswell get back on track and move forward.

Mr. Kent fielded questions from the Council regarding transparency, proper oversight of council committees, planning and goal setting retreats, airport litigation and his obligation towards the full responsibility and duties as the City Administrator. Mr. Kent reiterated the fact that everyone needs to work together.

Mayor Stram appointed Jamon Kent to be the Creswell Interim City Administrator and asked for the Council's consent. The Council gave unanimous consensus for Jamon Kent to be appointed Creswell Interim City Administrator and Mr. Kent took his seat at the table.

Mayor Stram reported the contract between LCOG and the City was prepared and approved by the City Attorney which he will sign at the conclusion of the meeting.

Consensus to Advertise for Council Vacancies

Mayor Stram asked the Council for consensus to begin advertising to fill the two vacancies on the City Council. Mayor Stram reviewed the proposed process to be used:

- March 18th the preparation of application packet

- Advertisement will go out to the City Hall Reader Board, Creswell Chronicle, Library and Creswell Website
- Application deadline will be Tuesday, April 9th at noon
- Councilor Reynolds, Mayor Stram and Jamon Kent will meet in the afternoon of April 9th to review applications and prepare for presentation to Council.
- Special Council meeting on Thursday, April 11th for the Council to review applications and applicants will be asked to make a brief presentation. Appointment will be made to fill the vacancies.
- April 13th and April 20th – Council training with Consultant Stan Biles - Guiding Principles and Protocols Step 1; Step 2 – Goal Setting with Staff pending confirmation with Mr. Biles

The Council gave unanimous consensus to begin advertising to fill the two vacant Council positions.

A discussion ensued regarding the questions presented to the applicants and Mayor Stram responded he will be working with Mr. Kent, Councilor Reynolds and the City Attorney to come up with a process and scoring guide for the April 11th meeting.

Consensus to begin advertising for City Administrator

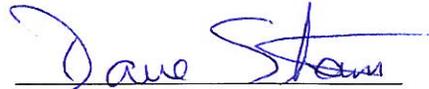
Mayor Stram said LCOG and Lane County Board of Commissioners has offered to help the City with their recruitment process (yet to be determined) in finding a new City Administrator.

The Council gave unanimous consensus to begin the advertising process for a City Administrator.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Dave Stram adjourned the Special Council meeting at 10:34 AM.


Roberta J Tharp, City Recorder


Dave Stram, Mayor