

CITY OF POLSON
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Elks Lodge 512 Main St.

July 23, 2020

10:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE: Mayor Briney, Commissioners, Howlett, Martin, Marchello, Moll, Pardini, and City Clerk Cora Pritt.

ABSENT: Commissioner Isbell

OTHERS PRESENT (who voluntarily signed in via Zoom): Mark Brooke, Lita Fonda, Dave Rittenhouse, and Sharon Sampson

CALL TO ORDER: (00:01) Mayor Briney called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Roll call was taken.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED AGENDA (00:54) –**Commissioner Martin motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Howlett second.** Commission discussion: none Public comment none. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

INTERVIEW CITY MANAGER CANDIDATES: BRIAN BENDER 10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. ED MEECE 11:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (01:52)-Facilitator Brian Cannavaro asked the following questions of each candidate:

1. How will you go about building relationships with community organizations and other jurisdictions?
2. What is your process of planning for the long-term priorities and efficiencies of the City's operations?
3. If we were to do an in-depth search of your background, would we find anything of concern to a future employer?
4. How would you go about implementing a resort tax and/or new public safety building?
5. What would be your strategy for leading the City for the next 6 months?
6. How do you plan to lead?
7. What are your long-term goals, and how does this position relate to them?
8. Please provide an example of how you gain the confidence of staff.
9. What are your thoughts/ideas for securing funding for streets?
10. Paint us a picture of your work day.
11. How do you plan on procuring Tribal cooperation with the City?
12. How do you plan to motivate staff?
13. With the US facing the worst pandemic it has ever faced, what plans would you make to keep the citizens of Polson safe and how would you implement them? Also, how would you work with communities and entities around you to agree on a good set of plans, a good strategy to fight this pandemic, especially since the talk is about a second wave coming?
14. Is there anything you would like to add? What questions do you have for us?
Candidate Brian Bender asked the Mayor & Commissioners the following questions:
Q. Are you comfortable with what you see?
Q. Is the Organization well-structured with staff allocations accordingly? Is it realistic?

Candidate Ed Meece asked the Mayor & Commissioners the following questions:

Q. What does the City do really well?

Q. What does the City not do well?

Q. You have as a body been involved in an effort to hire a new City Manager. How are you preparing then to be successful?

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:48:03) A member of the public asked if there would be an opportunity to make comment at Tuesday's meeting. Mayor Briney replied yes, there will be an opportunity on Tuesday to comment on the candidates and their interviews.

Prior to adjourning Mayor Briney asked the Commission if Action Minutes are agreeable. The Commission stated yes Action Minutes are agreeable.

Adjourn (01:48:42) - Commissioner Howlett motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martin second. VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.

ADJOURN: 11:58 a.m.

Mayor Paul Briney

ATTEST: _____

Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk