

**CITY OF POLSON**  
**COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Virtually (via Zoom)

July 28, 2020

6:30 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Briney, Commissioners, Howlett, Isbell, Martin, Marchello, Moll, Pardini, Interim City Manager Wade Nash and City Clerk Cora Pritt.

**OTHERS PRESENT** (who voluntarily signed in via Zoom): Clint Cottle, Lita Fonda, Joan Hart, Terry Kouba, Lee Manicke, Dave Rittenhouse, and 9115

**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 (00:51)** –**Commissioner Moll motion to approve the proposed agenda. Commissioner Marchello second.** Commission discussion: none Public comment none. **VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried**

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON SIGNIFICANT MATTERS TO THE PUBLIC NOT ON THE AGENDA (01:40)**-none

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS (02:02)**-Lita Fonda, Ward 1 thanked the City for inviting the public to attend the interviews. Lita commented that she was speaking on behalf of Brian Bender. He is a good listener and that is a quality that is very important in the City Manager position. Both candidates were qualified. Brian seemed approachable and had a good attitude. Dave Rittenhouse, Ward II commented that he sat in on both interviews. He is not endorsing a particular candidate. The decision is up to the Commission. The lack of communication needs to be addressed. Look out for the welfare of the City and the community.

**DELIBERATION AND SELECTION OF CITY MANAGER (05:46)**-Mayor Briney invited the Commission to voice their comments on the candidates. Commissioners Howlett, Marchello, and Moll were in favor of City Manager Candidate Ed Meece. Commissioners Isbell, Martin and Pardini were in favor of City Manager Candidate Brian Bender. **Commissioner Howlett motion to offer a negotiated contract to Ed Meece. Commissioner Moll second.** Commission discussion: Commissioner Moll commented that Gayle Siemers asked him to say that if there was anything to divulge it should be brought up and discussed. Mayor Briney commented that we already had that opportunity. **VOTE: Commissioner Pardini-against, Commissioner Isbell-against, Commissioner Howlett-for, Commissioner Moll-for, Commissioner Martin-against, Commissioner Marchello-for, Mayor Briney-for. VOTE: 4 ayes, 3 nays Motion carried** Commissioner Martin asked that Brian Bender not be released from consideration until after there is a negotiated contract. Interim City Manager Nash reminded the Commission that the negotiation will occur between the Mayor and the City Attorney.

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

**Adjourn (35:32) - Commissioner Howlett motion to adjourn. Commissioner Martin second. VOTE: Unanimous Motion carried.**

**ADJOURN: 7:05 p.m.**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mayor Paul Briney**

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**Cora E. Pritt, City Clerk**