

These are the minutes of the Special Session of the City of Adams, WI held on April 9, 2015 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, LaQuee, Marti, Roseberry and Mayor Baumgartner. Also in attendance were Chief Anderson, Attorneys James Gerlach representing the Common Council, Laurie Lubinsky appearing on behalf of Mayor Baumgartner, Dave Mead with his legal Counsel Attorney Formella, Court Reporter and several citizens.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Unfinished Business:

Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to remove from the table the hearing regarding the dismissal of Street Superintendent Dave Mead. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Opening Statements were given regarding the charges filed:

Attorney Lubinsky stated the witness had filed a written complaint with the Police Department regarding Mr. Mead and she having sexual contact on city time and property. The witness and Mr. Mead both were interviewed by the Police Chief and reviewed by Mayor Baumgartner.

Attorney Formella stated this happened four years ago, it was not forced, it was consensual. This started with unhappy workers without coming to you, the Council.

Police Chief Bret Anderson was sworn in for the record. Attorney Lubinsky and Attorney Formella questioned the investigation he conducted involving allegations from the four individuals from Public Works Department. They also questioned Chief Anderson regarding the complaint received from Michelle Chase.

Mayor Jan Baumgartner was sworn in for the record. Attorney Lubinsky and Attorney Formella questioned the documents in the exhibits binder and confirmation and process of Mr. Mead being placed on paid administrative leave with full benefits while the City investigates the complaints submitted by the subordinates of the Public Works Department and the allegation from Ms. Chase.

Dave Mead was sworn in for the record. Attorney Lubinsky and Attorney Formella questioned the documents in the exhibits binder, the allegations from his four subordinates in the Public Works Department and the complaint received from Ms. Chase.

As there were no more questions Attorney Gerloch called for a five minute break.

Attorney Gerloch called the meeting back to order. The Attorneys discussed what exhibits would be moved into evidence and what exhibits to be removed.

Closing statements were given by Attorney Lubinsky and Attorney Formella.

Motion by Marti, second by LaQuee to Adjourn from Open Session and Reconvene in Closed Session: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. §19.85(1)(b) for considering dismissal, demotion, licensing or discipline of public employee or the investigation of charges against such person, and the taking of formal action on any such matter, and §19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Upon completion of deliberation in closed session.

Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Adjourn from Closed Session and Reconvene in Open Session. Roll call vote was unanimous.

The Council reconvened in open session.

Motion by Roseberry, second by Hilson for the removal of Dave Mead, Street Superintendent. Roll call vote Hilson, Jensen, Kierstyn, Marti, Roseberry – yes, LaQuee - no.

Attorney Lubinsky stated chapter 17 requires that once the removal has happened so subsection (8) should be done 17.16(8) removal of office should be done and the certified transcript should be filed with the Clerk. Attorney Gerloch should prepare the order and she will take care of the transcript to be prepared and submitted to the Clerk.

Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet L. Winters, CMC, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk/Treasurer