

Special Called Meeting of the
Board of Mayor and Council
September 17, 2015

The Board of Mayor and Council met in a special called meeting on September 17, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building for the sole purpose of discussing/acting on Public Utilities/Public Works Director and Ordinance #438-new position and budget amendment.

Present and presiding: Mayor Rick Johnson.

Council present: Steve Allen, Alwilda Binkley, Lisa Walker, Jimmy Gill, Roger Jackson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Others present: Michael Armstrong, Marc Coulon, Jennifer Noe, and Mary Glasgow.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. and declared we have a quorum. He said we are here tonight for specific discussion and action on Ordinance #438 – new position and budget amendment. Mr. Jackson asked should we have a public hearing. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #438. Ms. Noe told Council that we have always had public hearings on everything and that I checked before this meeting to find out if by law we had to have one. She said I really dug into the law to find the answer. Ms. Noe said she found that public hearings are to be held for passing of the original budget and we don't have to have one for an amendment to the budget. She went on to say that they are to be held for any changes to zoning or land use, for example, rezoning property, and also when there is anything that will have a penal effect such as the adoption of the international building codes. Ms. Noe said we do not have to have a public hearing on everything, but since we have always done so it might be easier to continue to do so. Ms. Noe said I confirmed my finding with Gary Jaeckel with MTAS. Mayor asked is there any discussion. Mr. Allen asked if the salary was addressed in this ordinance and the amendment to the budget. He went on to say that he is in agreement with the position, but not the salary. In addition, he is having trouble hiring someone at that pay rate when we have others as department heads making less money. Ms. Noe said we are here to meet on the ordinance and can only discuss what is on the agenda. She said we can't take any action to change anything else tonight. Ms. Noe then told them they could object to the pay and vote no. Further, the ordinance sets the salary. Mr. Gill stated but we can talk about the ordinance and redo it at a later date. Ms. Noe answered yes that can be done. Then she said we have set a pay scale for this position and I would like the ordinance to be amended to read a salary up to the amount of \$72,140.00. At this point, Mayor asked for the motion to be withdrawn. Mr. Gill withdrew his motion and Ms. Binkley withdrew her second. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to approve Ordinance #438 as amended to read a salary up to \$72,140.00. Mr. Allen asked will the pay for this position with the up to amount be determined by the Mayor. Ms. Noe answered yes it would be up to the Mayor to set the pay. Mayor asked is there any other discussion, and being none he called for a vote. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Gill-yes, Binkley-yes, Allen-no, Walker-no, Jackson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Binkley to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Rick Johnson, Mayor