

Stanton City Commission

Special Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2023

8:30 am

Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Ferguson, Mayor Pro Tem Jane Basom, Commissioner Lewis Corwin, Commissioner Ray Holloway, Commissioner Tamara Kuhn, Commissioner Jacky McGill, Commissioner Charles Miel...All present

Approval of Agenda: Mayor Ferguson noted the meeting was a special meeting and not a regular meeting and that the time posted was incorrect. Corrections were made and the agenda was approved 6-0

James Freed from Pivot introduced Chris Pense, a gentleman from his firm there to help answer any questions. Mr. Freed discussed the six candidates that he had referred to the commissioners to review, pointing out each candidate's strengths and weaknesses.

Mayor Ferguson asked the commissioners to narrow the list of candidate considerations so we could proceed with the interview process.

Commissioner Miel requested the floor from the Mayor and was given it. Commissioner Miel stated that the interim manager is doing a great job and saw no need to continue the search.

He proceeded by making the motion, "That the city offer interim manager Coffey a one-year contract at an annual salary of \$75,000 with fringe benefits close to those paid to VanBoxel. Further, that the city and candidate Coffey rework the terms of the fringe benefit package. The motion was then read by Mayor Ferguson and a second was made by Commissioner McGill. Motion belonged to the committee

Discussion about the salary was brought up by Mayor Pro Tem Basom. Basom made a motion to amend the salary, there was no support, motion failed. Further discussion was brought up by Commissioner Holloway concerning the interview process. Commissioner Miel offered support for his motion stating that candidate #1 had 9 months experience, lives in South Carolina and the interim manager has been with us for over 5 years and should be given an opportunity. Commissioner comment then closed. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Corwin, Kuhn, McGill and Miel supported the motion. Commissioners Basom and Holloway opposed. Motion to hire Rachael Coffey as the new city manager passed 4-2

There were no public or further commissioner comments.

McGill made a motion to adjourn, second was made by Kuhn.

Meeting adjourned 9:25 am

Mayor Ferguson