

CITY OF SANDY OAKS, TX

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 27, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jim Clement at 7:03 p.m.

Also present for the meeting were Aldermen Joel Ortega, David Tremblay, Earnest Gay, Doug Tomasini, and Alderwoman Micki Ball.

OPENING CEREMONIES

The invocation was given by Alderman Ortega, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 Discuss and consider the Mayor's nomination for City Attorney. Discussion was held on how to select the attorney, after the mayor makes his nomination. Alderman Tremblay made a motion to take the top 3 lawyers nominated. And then call the first attorney and make sure they still want to accept the position, and if not then go on to the second choice, and the same if the third choice needs to be called. Alderman Ortega seconded. Mayor Clement stated he would only make one nomination, and will leave it up to the council to vote on the rest. The mayor's nomination for city attorney is Mr. Art Martinez de Vara. The mayor asked for a vote on his nomination. The vote was 4 against and Alderman Gay abstained due to conflict of interest. Mayor Clement asked Alderman Gay to make the other nominations and Alderman Gay asked to pass it to Alderman Tremblay. Alderman Tremblay has researched all applicants, and he has chosen the law firm Kassahn and Ortiz as his first nominee. A discussion was held on cost of hiring the firm. The mayor asked for a vote. The vote was 4 for and Alderman Gay voted against. Alderman Ortega nominated the law offices of Ryan Henry. Alderwoman Ball stated her concerns on this nomination. The vote was 5 for. Alderman Gay said he had no one else to consider. Alderman Tremblay then added the firm of Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal to the list with Alderwoman Ball taking exception to them due to cost and also referring to us as Shady Oaks in the resume. The Vote was 3 for and 2 opposed. It was then determined that the top three choices were Kassahn and Ortiz, Ryan Henry, and Denton, Navarro, Rocha and Bernal. Mayor Clement said he would contact them and let them know they were chosen and make sure they are still interested in being our attorney. A contract will have to be negotiated.

Alderman Tremblay made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Gay.



City Clerk

Charlotte Rabe

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14th DAY OF May, 2015



James H. Clement, Mayor