

**STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, April 21, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

Council for the Town of Stevensville came together at Council Chambers, this being the time set for a special meeting of the Town Council. Acting Mayor Jim Crews called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Councilpersons Barker, Holcomb, and Michalson were all present. Several Citizens were also present.

Public Comments:

Bill Perrin, 503 Charlos, commented on the issues with the Judge selection process, the Council's decision at the last Council meeting to move forward on electing a Judge, and his recommendations for the Mayor position including the need for some financial/general accounting experience, and personnel management experience. He also recommended the Council review the Ad Hoc Committee recommendation when considering a Mayor.

There were no further public comments.

1. Discussion/decision – Filling the Vacancy of the Office of Mayor by 1) Appointing the Council President to the Office of Mayor Until Such Time as a Special Election or General Municipal Election can be held or 2) By the Application Process Delineated in Town Council Rules Part XIV Section 3.
Acting Mayor Crews read the Town Attorney's guidance with regard to this item.

Councilperson Michalson made a motion to appoint Council President Jim Crews as acting Mayor until the new mayor is elected or appointed. Councilperson Holcomb seconded the motion.

Councilperson Michalson then withdrew his motion due to it not being in line with the agenda item.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to select a new mayor by the application process in motion to select a new mayor. Councilperson Barker seconded the motion. The vote was called and Councilpersons Barker, Holcomb and Michalson all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Acting Mayor Crews informed the public that the position opening will be posted on the Town website and bulletin board tomorrow.

2. Discussion/decision – Determine the Method of Filling the Vacancy of the Office of City Judge by 1) Interviewing the Existing Pool of Applicants that have Submitted Complete Application Packets, Then Making a Selection from Those Qualified Applicants for Appointment Consent by the Town Council or 2) By Closing the existing Position Opening, Re-advertising the Position for Application and Appointment.

Acting Mayor Crews read the Town Attorney's guidance with regard to this item.

Councilperson Holcomb made a motion to close the existing position opening and re-advertise the position for application and appointment of City Judge. Councilperson Barker seconded the motion.

Judith Loring inquired if existing applicants would have to reapply and how long the term would be. Acting Mayor Crews responded that the previous applicants would not need to re-apply and the term of office for the selected Judge will be until the 2019 election cycle.

Michael Sharkey inquired about the election process. Acting Mayor Crews responded that this was a decision made at the last Council meeting to move forward with an election process for the City Judge position.

Judith Loring inquired about a news article she read stating changing the qualifications of a judge if elected. Acting Mayor Crews responded the Council would be using the qualifications required by state law.

Michael Sharkey inquired who would be on the selection committee. Acting Mayor Crews informed the public that the committee has not been created yet, but would most likely be himself as acting mayor, one member from the Council and the Human Resource Supervisor.

Councilperson Michalson inquired if the Council would be appointing a new Council President at the next meeting date. Acting Mayor informed the Council that until a new Mayor is appointed, there will be 3 Councilmembers and an acting Mayor.

Penny Howe inquired if the existing applicants would have to notify Town Hall to resubmit their applications. Acting Mayor Crews responded that this has not been discussed yet, but he anticipates the Town will contact all the previous applicants to make sure they are still interested in the position.

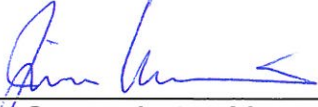
Acting Mayor Crews then informed the public that as Council President, he will serve as Acting Mayor with 3 Councilmembers until a new Mayor has been appointed.

The vote was called and Councilpersons Michalson, Holcomb and Barker all voted "aye". Motion carried 3-0.

Councilperson Michalson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Holcomb seconded the motion and all voted "aye".

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVE:



Jim Crews, Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk