

CITY COUNCIL

November 16, 2020

The November 16, 2020 City Council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. via zoom by Aaron Korte, President. A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. City Council members present were Aaron Korte, Marc Mays, Rick Roberts, Don Spiegel, John Walker, and Kenneth Wessler.

Others present included: Kyle McColly, Mayor; Ben Buckland, Law Director; Mark Droll, City Auditor; John Baldwin; Jennifer Banta; Jim Barney; Tom Karcher; Kate Niederkohr; Bill Thornton; Keith Niederkohr; Bob Tiell; Tom Martin; Callan Pugh, Daily Chief Union; and Sarah Bennett, Clerk.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 9, 2020 special City Council meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were approved as received.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 Safety Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 Service Committee meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 2, 2020 Planning Commission meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

The minutes of the November 9, 2020 Park Board meeting, having been mailed to each City Council member, were reviewed.

Mr. Korte thanked everyone who joined the meeting via zoom and noted that the decision was made to hold this meeting and upcoming meetings in this format due to the rising cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus).

Mr. Korte also thanked everyone who expressed an interest in the vacant City Council position.

At this time nominations were opened for individuals interested in the vacant City Council position.

A motion was made by Mr. Spiegel to nominate Mr. John Baldwin.

A motion was made by Mr. Wessler to nominate Mrs. Kate Niederkohr.

A motion was made by Mr. Mays to nominate Mr. Tom Karcher.

A motion was made by Mr. Korte to nominate Mrs. Jennifer Banta.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker to nominate Mr. Jim Barney.

A motion was made by Mr. Walker, seconded by Mr. Mays, to close the nominations. Upon Roll Call, all members voted Yes. The President declared the motion carried.

It was noted that a majority vote of four (4) City Council members is necessary to approve an individual for the appointment.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted as follows on the individuals nominated to fill the vacant City Council position:

Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Jennifer Banta
Mr. Mays	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Roberts	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Spiegel	-	Mr. John Baldwin
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Jim Barney
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr

Since there was not a majority vote, a Roll Call vote was again held as follows:

Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Jennifer Banta
Mr. Mays	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Roberts	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Spiegel	-	Mr. John Baldwin
Mr. Walker	-	Mr. Jim Barney
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr

At this time City Council members spoke on behalf of the individuals they nominated and highlighted those individuals' strong points.

Upon Roll Call, all members voted again on the individuals nominated to fill the vacant City Council position as follows:

Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Jennifer Banta
Mr. Mays	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Roberts	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Spiegel	-	Mr. John Baldwin
Mr. Walker	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr

Since there was not a majority vote, a Roll Call vote was again held as follows:

Mr. Korte	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr
Mr. Mays	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Roberts	-	Mr. Tom Karcher
Mr. Spiegel	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr
Mr. Walker	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr
Mr. Wessler	-	Mrs. Kate Niederkohr

The President declared that Mrs. Kate Niederkohr was approved to fill the vacant City Council position having received four (4) votes. Mrs. Niederkohr will be sworn in later this week as a member of City Council.

City Council members reviewed the Recapitulation for October 2020.

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting adjourned.

Sarah J. Bennett, Clerk

Aaron Korte, President