

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE WEST LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

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The City Council of West Liberty held a Special Council Meeting on September 12, 2023. Mayor Ethan Anderson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Councilmembers present: Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren, Councilmember Josh Shiltz and Councilmember Dana Dominguez. Councilmember Omar Martinez and Councilmember Ashley Smith were absent from the meeting. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Lee Geertz and City Clerk Shari Hoffert. There was no action taken by council during the meeting.

City Council approved the agenda. McFerren/Dominguez (3-0)

The Special Meeting was to discuss current items pertaining to the West Liberty Fire Department to have an action item on September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The City Council discussed the direction of the Council for the future of the City of West Liberty. There was discussion about needing professional input into the current discussion on the 28E Agency proposed. The City Council had voted on moving forward with a consultant dependent on the Rural Trustees Vote. The Rural Trustees voted against moving forward with a professional consultant to cover the scope of work. The Council conversed about resolving the issue to ensure that there is still coverage for the Community Members. There was discussion about building together and creating an agreement that will continue to stay in place after this Council is no longer in office and making sure that everything was set for all parties involved. The Council communicated that there has already been a lot of work put in to creating the documents and professional help to get through the last few items is what is needed. Mayor Anderson communicated that the key to having this be successful is to make sure that it is done right and to ensure that the Agency flows smoothly. Council communicated that all parties need to be 110% sure when they are signing the documents. Mayor Anderson communicated that if this reaches court before we have a signed agreement that it is uncharted territory, and no one wants that for the community. The Council will discuss solutions at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The entire meeting can be viewed online at [www.cityofwestlibertyia.org](http://www.cityofwestlibertyia.org) .

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Dominguez/Shiltz (3-0)

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Mayor, Ethan Anderson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Shari Hoffert