

MEETING MINUTES OF THE WEST LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

WEST LIBERTY, IOWA

DECEMBER 11, 2023

The City Council of West Liberty, IA held two special council meetings on Monday, December 11th, 2023. The meetings were for the Police Chief Interviews. The first meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by Mayor Mark Smith. Councilmembers in attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren, Councilmember Josh Shiltz and Councilmember Dana Dominguez. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Lee Geertz and City Clerk Shari Hoffert. Members of the public present: Former Mayor Ethan Anderson and Detective Hailee Polito from the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department.

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

The purpose of the meeting was the interview of Candidate A for the Police Chief Position. City Council entered into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session by roll call vote. McFerren/Shiltz Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

Council returned to open session by roll call vote. Dominguez/McFerren Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

There was a motion to adjourn at 1:37 p.m. Dominguez/Shiltz (3-0)

Mayor Mark Smith called the second meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance: Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren, Councilmember Josh Shiltz and Councilmember Dana Dominguez. Councilmember Omar Martinez joined the closed session at 5:13 p.m. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Lee Geertz and City Clerk Shari Hoffert. Members of the public present: Former Mayor Ethan Anderson and Detective Hailee Polito from the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department.

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

The purpose of the meeting was the interviews of Candidates B & C for the Police Chief Position. City Council entered into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session by roll call vote. McFerren/Shiltz Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y, Shiltz-Y (3-0)

Council returned to open session by roll call vote. McFerren/Martinez Martinez-Y, Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y, Shiltz-Y (4-0)

Council has a consensus for the new Chief of Police and there will be an announcement at a later meeting. Shiltz/Dominguez (4-0)

There was a motion to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. McFerren/Shiltz (4-0)

Mayor, Mark Smith

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Shari Hoffert