

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE WEST LIBERTY CITY COUNCIL

WEST LIBERTY, IOWA

April 4th, 2025

Mayor Mark Smith called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:30p.m. Councilmembers in attendance: Councilmember Josh Shiltz, Councilmember Tim Parizek, Councilmember Omar Martinez and Councilmember Dana Dominguez. Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren was present and a voting member via Zoom. City Attorney Amy Reasner was present via Zoom. City Staff in attendance: City Manager Lee Geertz, City Clerk Shari Hoffert, Communications Specialist Brittany Woodson, Library Director Allie Paarsmith, Wastewater Superintendent Craig Juergens, Electric Superintendent Cody Franklin, and Police Chief Josh Houser. The Council Meeting can be viewed at www.cityofwestlibertyia.org.

The City Council approved the agenda. Shiltz/Parizek (5-0)

During the Public Comments: Councilmember Martinez communicated that he had received man phone calls and emails about the items on the agenda. Councilmember Shiltz communicated that he had business owners and community members reach out to him about the agenda. Councilmember Dominguez communicated that there was a lot of online correspondence and that she had 10 individuals reach out by phone as well as messages about the agenda items. Councilmember Parizek communicated that he would encourage the Community to reach out to the Councilmembers through their City email rather than posting online so that it can be tracked and given a proper response. Mayor Pro Tem Cara McFerren communicated that she was contacted by Brandon Achen in support of the agenda items.

The City Council entered into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 (1)(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. Shiltz/Parizek Martinez-Y, McFerren-Y, Parizek-Y, Dominguez-Y, Shiltz-Y (5-0)

The City Council entered into open session by roll call vote. Shiltz/Martinez Shiltz-Y, Dominguez-Y, Martinez-Y, Parizek-Y, McFerren-Y (5-0)

Coming out of closed session, there were two Resolution options. Option A. Resolution 20250404-236: A Resolution to Extend the Terms of the Current Contract with City Manager Lee Geertz to Expire on 06/30/2025 OR Option B. A Resolution to Accept a New Contract with City Manager Lee Geertz to expire on 04/05/2027.

There was a motion and a second to approve option A: Resolution 20250404-236: A Resolution to Extend the Terms of the Current Contract with City Manager Lee Geertz to expire on 06/30/2025 and it was approved by roll call vote. Dominguez/Martinez Shiltz-Y, Martinez-Y, Parizek-Y, Dominguez-Y, McFerren-Y (5-0) Councilmember Dana Dominguez extended thanks to everyone for coming back on a Friday evening and to all the Public that reached out to the Councilmembers.

There was a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Shiltz/McFerren (5-0)

Mayor, Mark Smith

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Shari Hoffert