

**City Of Martinsburg
Special City Council Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 2015
5:00 PM**

With a quorum present, the special session of the Martinsburg City Council was called to order by Mayor George Karos at 5:00 p.m. The following Council Members were present: Don Anderson, Dennis Etherington, Kevin Knowles, Gregg Wachtel, and Jason W. Baker. Absent was H.D. Boyd. Also present were: Mark Baldwin, City Manager; Kin Sayre, Legal Counsel; Gena Long, City Recorder and Jeff Wilkerson, Public Works Director.

3. Reports of Chairpersons of Council Standing Committees

a. Council as a Whole Committee January 15, 2015 and January 26, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Knowles, seconded by Councilman Wachtel, to approve the Council as a Whole Committee minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council as Whole Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 15, 2015—5:00 PM

Present: Mayor George Karos, Councilmembers Kevin Knowles, Jason Baker, Don Anderson, Dennis Etherington, H.D. Boyd, Jr., and Gregg Wachtel (*Councilman Wachtel arrived at approximately 5:05 PM.*)

Others in Attendance: City Attorney Kin Sayre and various news media.

Unable to Attend:

Mayor Karos opened the meeting explaining the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the applicants for the vacant Ward 3 Council seat (Max Parkinson).

A motion was made by Councilman Etherington, seconded by Councilman Anderson, to go into Executive Session. The vote was two (2) in favor (Councilman Etherington and Councilman Anderson) and three (3) against (Councilman Knowles, Councilman Baker, and Councilman Boyd). The meeting proceeded and was conducted in open session. Councilman Wachtel asked if he could be allowed to vote after the fact. Kin Sayre, City Attorney, told him “no” as the vote had already been taken.

Each Councilmember voiced their selection of candidates to be interviewed. Those selected for interviews were: Kenneth Collinson, Gregory Janes and Christina Ludberg.

Interviews were scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 beginning at 5:30 PM.

Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Knowles and seconded by Councilman Etherington to adjourn the meeting.

Council as Whole Committee Minutes

Monday, January 26, 2015—5:30 PM

Present: Mayor George Karos, Kevin Knowles, Jason Baker, Don Anderson, Dennis Etherington, H.D. Boyd, JR., and Gregg Wachtel

Others in Attendance: City Attorney Kin Sayre and various news media.

Unable to Attend:

Mayor Karos opened the meeting explaining the purpose of the meeting was to interview three (3) applicants (Kenneth Collinson, Gregory Janes, and Christina Lundberg) for the vacant Ward 3 Council seat (Max Parkinson).

A motion was made by Councilman Etherington, seconded by Councilman Wachtel, to go into Executive Session. Before the vote to go into Executive Session, Councilman Knowles addressed WV Code 6-9-A-4, concerning request of an Open Session of the individuals being interviewed. The vote was taken and was six (6) in favor and zero (0) against.

Mr. Collinson and Mr. Janes's interviews were conducted in Executive Session.

The Committee went into open session to conduct the interview of Ms. Lundberg.

At the conclusion of Ms. Lundberg's interview, a motion was made by Councilman Knowles, and seconded by Councilman Etherington, to go back into Executive Session to discuss the applicants. The vote was five (5) in favor and Councilman Baker voted no.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Committee proceeded to go back into Open Session and stated the consensus of the Committee was to select Mr. Collinson to fill the Ward 3 vacancy. Mayor Karos was to contact Mr. Collinson and if he accepted the appointment, a special City Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 5:00 PM to confirm the selection and swear in Mr. Collinson. Mayor Karos was also to contact Mr. Janes and Ms. Lundberg to advise them of City Council's selection to fill the Ward 3 seat.

4. New Business

a. Approve/deny Council as Whole Committee recommendation to appoint Kenneth Collinson as Ward Three Councilperson to fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2016

Motion made by Councilman Wachtel, seconded by Councilman Etherington, to approve the recommendation and appoint Kenneth Collinson to the Ward Three Council seat expiring June 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Administer Oath of Office to Ward Three Councilman Kenneth Collinson

The City Recorder administered the Oath of Office.

5. Adjournment

Motion made by Councilman Collinson, seconded by Councilman Knowles, to adjourn at 5:04 PM.

George Karos, Mayor

Gena Long, City Recorder