

Special Meeting Minutes of the City Council of the City of Cumby

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

Cumby City Hall

- I. Mayor Doug Simmerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Established Quorum
Present: Doug Simmerman Sheryl Lackey Amber Hardy
 Guy Butler Betty McCarter Julie Morris
- III. Invocation was led by Mayor Doug Simmerman
- IV. Pledge was recited by Mayor, Council, and all Citizens in attendance.
- V. New Business
 - A. Mayor Doug Simmerman stated that they are working on taking the generator off the paperwork which will put us under the limit for the grant. Amber Hardy asked if we had been awarded the grant already? Mayor Simmerman told her we had. Citizen Sharon Hart asked what all was going to be done with the grant. Mayor Simmerman told her that it would cover new pumps, plumbing, electrical, and a new force main. He also stated part of the problem with the current lift station is it was plumbed with so many hard 90's that it causes stoppages. Sheryl Lackey motioned to award a construction contract for the TXCDBG sewer improvements project to 7-H Construction Co, Inc. Betty McCarter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.
 - B. Leigh Thompson stated she had worked with Jay Garrett's office before and handled the prosecutorial aspects. She did some research and according to the criminal code the person who prosecutes must be city attorney or deputy city attorney. Ms. Thompson proposed that she be appointed temporary city attorney in order to keep court proceedings rolling. She has worked with Judge Adams and they work well together. Ms. Thompson knows that Cumby is not large and has some issues so she would charge the rate of 100.00\$ per hour. Betty McCarter asked if this could be done on a probationary period. Ms. Thompson said it could be done contract and the contract could be terminated at any time. Sheryl Lackey asked if she was familiar with land laws, and she replied she was and that she is good at researching. Julie Morris stated she thinks it should be temporary prosecutor. Leigh stated that she would have to be

appointed as city attorney and once finding someone she could be released or released to deputy city attorney specializing in prosecution.

C. Sheryl Lackey motioned to roll into executive session. Betty McCarter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

VI. Entered Executive Session

The City of Cumby Council entered Executive Session (Closed Meeting) at 6:22 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:

A. Discuss and Consider possible action regarding the selection of a City Attorney.

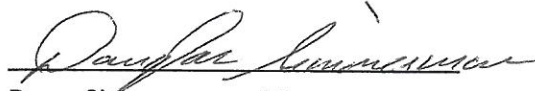
VII. Exited Executive Session

The City of Cumby Council reconvened into Regular Session (Open Meeting) at 6:38 p.m. pursuant to the provisions of Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, to discuss the following:


A. Sheryl Lackey Motioned to appoint Leigh Thompson as City Attorney on a 90-day probationary period while continuing to look for outside counsel. Betty McCarter seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

VIII. Mayor Doug Simmerman adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Approve:


Doug Simmerman, Mayor

Attest:


Codi Reynolds, City Secretary

