

COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

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Mayor Woods announced that if anyone in attendance wishes to speak regarding a motion she asked for them to stand or raise their hand and she will acknowledge them for their comment.

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order. Present were Commissioner Wilbur Waters, Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner, Commissioner Tommy Chastain, Commissioner Danny Nugent, City Clerk Ricky Thompson, and City Attorney Applicant Dan Sikes.

Mayor Woods gave the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Clerk Thompson reported that after the negotiations Mr. Sikes has reduced his fees down to \$3,500 per month flat rate for the first 25 hours. Any services over the 25 hours will be billed at \$150 per hour.

Ms. Loper agreed to the same rate of \$3,000 per month flat fee for 30 hours.

Mr. Sikes added the way he has handled these types of issues in the past. If he receives an occasional phone call, it is just a matter of courtesy to answer the question, he will not bill.

If you call him and he will need to do some work he will bill for those types of things. But on the other hand if he receives a bunch of phone calls that start taking up his day he will start billing for them.

He only charges Lawtey \$360 and only attends one meeting per month. He bills for work he does and depending on what he does the billing hour amount is different.

He does the forfeitures for the police department and it will stay as a separate thing and has nothing to do with this contract with the city.

The contract will be reviewed in nine months. This is about \$6,000 more for the budget then was in there. Are there funds to cover this additional cost?

Clerk Thompson will review and do a budget amendment.

With the Truck Route and the amount of hours the attorney will be spending working on this project.

Clerk Thompson added the city's previous attorney is still under contract with the outside legal firm that was hired so he will be working on behalf of the city for the truck route and we will not be billed through the city.

Mr. Sikes requested a time period of not less than 2 weeks and no more than 4 weeks to have the transition period with the past attorney so he can be brought up to date will all open items.

Mayor Woods entertained a motion to retain Mr. Sikes and the contract will be for the \$3,500 flat fee per month for 25 hours and anything billed over the 25 hours will be charged at \$150 per month to be evaluated in 9 months.

Commissioner Chastain made the motion, second by Commissioner Nugent; passed 5-0.

Clerk Thompson added the contract will be ready for signatures Monday December 1st and Mr. Sikes can be sworn in at the December 2nd meeting.

The next item is to set the date and schedule for interviewing the City Manager applicants.

The committee reviewed the new applicants and have narrowed the selection down to three to interview. The spreadsheet Mr. Hanson completed was provided to all the commissioners for review. The back ground checks will be ready next week. The three candidates will be interviewed on Monday, December 15, beginning at 6:00 PM; Mr. Ernhart at 6:00, Mr. Burnhan 6:30, and Mr. Pagel 7:00.

Mayor Woods asked if anything additional needed to come before the board. Hearing none, she called for a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Waters made the motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Commissioner Spooner; passed 5-0.

Travis V. Woods, Mayor
Commissioner Tommy Chastain
Commissioner Daniel Nugent
Commissioner Carolyn B. Spooner
Commissioner Wilbur L. Waters

Attest: _____
Ricky Thompson, City Clerk