



City of Carthage, Missouri

CITY ATTORNEY HIRING COMMITTEE

June 6, 2024 - 4:00 PM
CITY HALL

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor Rife called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

The following committee members were present: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh. Tiffany Cossey joined the meeting at 4:15

Others Present: City Clerk Miranda Deal

2. Approval of May 28, 2024 Minutes

Ms. Leece made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2024 committee meeting. Motion carried.

3. Executive Session

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to close the meeting according to section 610.021(3), the agenda includes the possibility of a vote to close part of the meeting to discuss hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. Motion carried at 4:04 pm by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.

Mayor Rife reported that he had received the names from Ms. Heckmaster of whom she had reached out to in search for a new city attorney. The committee discussed options for City court first, then discussed the option for other City business.

Ms. Cossey joined the meeting at 4:15 pm.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to contract with Nathan Gurley for municipal court and Jon Gold for City Council business.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to divide the question. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Tiffany Cossey, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to approve contracting with Nathan Gurley for City court proceedings. Mr. Snow stated that he would like to ask if Mr. Gurley would be willing to remove the mileage out of the contract. It doesn't make a difference if he says no, it is just a request. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Tiffany Cossey, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cossey to approve contracting with Jon Gold for the City Attorney with the amendment to the contract. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Tiffany Cossey, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.

4. Adjournment

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece, to adjourn the closed session of the meeting at 4:24 pm. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Tiffany Cossey, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.

Mr. Snow made a motion, seconded by Ms. Leece to adjourn the meeting at 4: 25 pm. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Alan Snow, Lori Leece, Tiffany Cossey, Michael Miller, Jessica Baugh, Mayor Rife.