

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF EAST HELENA

CITY HALL – 306 EAST MAIN - ROOM 110

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: 5:00 PM

DATE: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2022

INTERNET ZOOM MEETING: <https://zoom.us/j/8976327748>

CONFERENCE CALL-IN: 1-301-715-8592 MEETING ID: 897 632 7748

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Councilmember Ferguson led the Pledge of Allegiance. Masks and physical distancing were recommended for those in attendance at City Hall.

CITY OFFICIALS & STAFF PRESENT: Mayor Kelly Harris, Council President Don Dahl, Councilmember Judy Leland, Councilmember Suzanne Ferguson, Public Works Director Kevin Ore, Acting Police Chief Kirk Johnston, Acting Patrol Officer Ken Harris, City Attorney Pete Elverum (via Zoom), and Clerk/Treasurer Amy Thorngren

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Sanders, Clifton Cox, Trent DeBoo, Sally Nyland, Scott Ferguson, Darla Kaltenbach, Patty Sanders, Mike Misowic (via Zoom), Dave Jensen, Bethany Cox, Dylan Cox, Colton Cox, and Kaytlynn Dummer

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Councilmember Wesley Feist

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Appointment as Chief of Police** – Mayor Harris presented Mike Sanders to Council. Certification of Qualification by the East Helena Police Commission was in the council packet. There was no public comment. Councilmember Dahl made a motion to appoint Mike Sanders as Chief of Police. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.
2. **Appointment as Patrol Officer** – Mayor Harris presented Kirk Johnston to Council. Certification of Qualification by the East Helena Police Commission was in the council packet. There was no public comment. Councilmember Dahl made a motion to appoint Kirk Johnston as Patrol Officer. Councilmember Leland seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.
3. **Appointment as Patrol Officer** – Mayor Harris presented Clifton Cox to Council. Certification of Qualification by the East Helena Police Commission was in the council packet. There was no public comment. Councilmember Leland made a motion to appoint Clifton Cox as Patrol Officer. Councilmember Dahl seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.
4. **Appointment as Patrol Officer** – Mayor Harris presented Trent DeBoo to Council. Certification of Qualification by the East Helena Police Commission was in the council packet. There was no

public comment. Councilmember Leland made a motion to appoint Trent DeBoo as Patrol Officer. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

5. **Appointment as Patrol Officer** – Mayor Harris presented Ken Harris to Council. Certification of Qualification by the East Helena Police Commission was in the council packet. There was no public comment. Councilmember Dahl made a motion to appoint Ken Harris as Patrol Officer. Councilmember Leland seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.
6. **Resolution of Intent to Create East Helena Cemetery District No. 1** – Draft Resolution 564 was on the council room table. Mayor Harris gave a brief history of the East Helena Cemetery Association’s request for the city to take over the East Helena Cemetery. City Attorney Elverum explained that the resolution of intent was necessary to move forward the referendum so that the public could vote on whether to create the cemetery maintenance district. There was no public comment. Councilmember Dahl made a motion to approve Resolution 564. Councilmember Leland seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Harris reported his excitement to have a fully staffed police department in front of him.

COUNCIL MEMBERS’ REPORTS:

Don Dahl had nothing to report.

Wesley Feist was excused.

Judy Leland had nothing to report.

Suzanne Ferguson had nothing to report.

LEGAL REPORTS: City Attorney Elverum had nothing to report.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Claims 294756 through 294770 were presented for Council’s review. Councilmember Leland made a motion to pay the bills. Councilmember Dahl seconded the motion. All councilmembers voted aye.

MEETING SCHEDULE:

1. East Helena Council Meeting, Tuesday, February 15, 2022, 7PM, City Hall Room 110

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Harris adjourned the meeting at 5:11 PM.

ATTEST:

Clerk/Treasurer

Mayor