

City of Westworth Village

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SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 3, 2018

ATTENDEES:

MUNICIPAL COMPLEX COUNCIL CHAMBERS 311 BURTON HILL ROAD

REGULAR SESSION: 5:30 PM

Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Coleman Steve Beckman

Mayor Pro-Tem
Council Member
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City Administrator
City Secretary

Steve Beckman
Nick Encke
Dan Novak
Tiffany Aller
Sterling Naron
Brandy Barrett

Police Chief Kevin Reaves
City Attorney Ashley Dierker

ABSENT:

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30pm by Mayor Coleman.

INVOCATION offered by Sterling Naron.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE led by Mayor Coleman.

SPECIAL SESSION:

- 1. MOTION to approve the Agenda
 - MADE BY: Nick Encke. SECOND: Steve Beckman.
 - **Motion passed unanimously** by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Mayor Coleman announced that the Council would be convening in a closed Executive Session to discuss two topics. The first was the status of the Texas Voices for Reason and Justice case against the City, regarding the Ordinance outlining where convicted sex offenders are allowed to live within the City. The second is to consider candidates to appoint to Council Place 1, vacated by Carlos Zavala. He noted that the following candidates were going to be considered, all of whom have expressed a desire to be on council: John Davies, Sharon Schmitz, Rosa Mendez, Joe Howell, and Kelly Jones.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Convene in closed executive session to deliberate the following items:

- A. Consultation with Attorney pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.071.

 Discuss status of current litigation: Texas Voices for Reason and Justice v. City of Westworth Village, Texas.
- B. Personnel Matters pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.074.

 Discuss mid-term council appointment options for Council Place 1. The position vacated by Carlos Zavala.

Re-convene in Special Session

SPECIAL SESSION:

2. Action Items:

A. Mayor Coleman

Consider and take action on current litigation as recommended by City Attorney.

No action required was taken on this matter.

B. Mayor Coleman

Consider and take action to appoint and administer the Oath of Office for Council Place 1, completing the remaining term, vacated by Carlos Zavala, ending May 2019.

• Mayor Coleman reported that the council has deliberated regarding Place 1 and they have the option to appoint someone tonight or not take any action. He noted that the current open position was not up for election and regardless of timing, the position would need to be appointed.

MOTION: To appoint Kelly Jones to Council Place 1, to complete the term vacated by Carlos Zavala, ending May 2019.

• MADE BY: Dan Novak. SECOND: Steve Beckman.

Motion passed unanimously by a vote of 4 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Brandy Barrett administered the Oath of Office to Kelly Jones, and he was welcomed by the council. Mr. Jones thanked the Council for placing their trust in him and addressed the citizens in attendance.

3. Citizen Comments:

- Margaret Worthington (5700 Tracyne) expressed her disappointment in the council for their decision to appoint someone tonight, suspiciously wondering why they did not wait until after the election.
- Melva Campbell (124 Smallwood) reminded everyone that the week of May 13th is Police Appreciation Week and requested that all residents be sure and thank our police officers for all their hard work.
- Melba Poppe (3 Leonard Trail) expressed her concern about the council, comparing them to teachers, some are great and some are not so great and each have their favorites. Noting that non-verbal communication is just as important as verbal communication and by taking action tonight this council failed to listen to the room of attendees.
- Jeanette Jones (5749 Tracyne) stated that she had no qualms with Kelly and appreciated his willingness to serve, but wondered why the council could not wait to appoint a replacement until after the elections, unless they just like control and she resents that they had no say in the issue.

- Rosa Mendez (5717 Carb) thanked the citizens and residents of the village and surrounding communities for their work and coming out tonight; she asked that the council continue to work for and with the citizens.
- No other citizen comments.

ADJOURNED at 6:28 pm by Mayor Coleman.

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

Michael R. Coleman, Mayor

SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:

Brandy G. Barrett, City Secretary