

December 23, 2024 Special Meeting

Open Session Meeting minutes

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Marla Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

A roll call was conducted by Mayor Thompson. The following board members were present:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt, Alderman Allen Bumgarner, Alderman Tim Hertz, Alderman Phyllis Pennington, and Mayor Marla Thompson.

Alderman Genita Hill was absent with a signed waiver of notice.

Items for Discussion

Adoption of ARPA Grant Resolution

Town Manager James Cozart advised that the \$250,000 ARPA Funds had already been awarded to the town, however, this resolution would allow the town to be able to access the funds and draw them down from the state.

Alderman Tim Hertz made a motion to adopt the resolution. Alderman Phyllis Pennington seconded the motion to adopt the resolution. The adoption of the resolution was unanimous.

Motion to enter into closed session made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. Motion to enter closed session was unanimous.

Following Closed Session

Motion to enter into open session made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner and seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Phyllis Pennington and seconded by Alderman Tim Hertz. The motion to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

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Closed Session Meeting minutes

Items for Discussion

Closed Session to Discuss Potential Property Acquisition

The board moved to enter a closed session to discuss potential property acquisition.

Motion to begin closed session made by Alderman Allen Bumgarner Seconded by Mayor Pro Tempore/Alderman Gary Lingerfelt.

The board discussed the potential acquisition of a property adjacent to the town hall, 2408 1st Ave SW. The Town Manager, James Cozart, reported on discussions with the realtor regarding the property. Key points of the discussion included:

The board was advised that the state has already contractually agreed to continue with any property cleanup that needs to take place, regardless of who the owner of the property is.

The board agreed to allow Town Manager Cozart to negotiate within the \$65,000 to \$75,000 range, starting with a lower offer.

Motion to end closed session made by Alderman Tim Hertz, Seconded by Alderman Phyllis Pennington. The motion to end closed session was unanimous.