

The City Council of the City of Eminence, Kentucky met in a special called session on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Eminence City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Drane Stephens and the following members present: Tom Shroyer, Treva Browning, Lee Ann Armstrong and Leo Mason. Absent was Member Polly Troxell. Other individuals present were Attorney William Brammell, City Clerk Sandra Doane, and Police Major Kevin Kemper.

The purpose of the meeting being called was to appoint a council member to replace Kevin Whitt who has resigned.

The Pledge of Allegiance was held.

Mayor Stephens called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Stephens explained that the term of the appointment for Kevin's replacement would be only until December 31, 2011 and that the position would be on the November ballot with anyone interested in running needing to file by the August deadline for the remaining year of the term. Attorney Brammell explained the procedures for the appointment.

Mayor Stephens opened the floor for discussion. Member Mason stated that Glenn Simpson had asked that he be considered for the position. Member Browning recommended Danny Meadows. Member Shroyer recommended Jeremiah Clark and pointed out that he was the next in line vote wise from the recent election. Member Armstrong recommended Danny Meadows. Mayor Stephens stated that Larry Montgomery and Johnny Pittman had approached him about the position.

Mayor Stephens suggested that each person be discussed prior to any vote being taken. After the discussion, Attorney Brammell stated that the statute is not really clear on the voting procedures and that the only stipulation is that a quorum of the council be present for the vote and a majority vote is required to select a replacement.

Member Browning asked why Kevin Whitt had resigned. Mayor Stephens stated personal problems. Kevin's letter of resignation was read to council. Kevin's effective date of resignation was listed as January 17, 2011. Attorney Brammell stated that per the statutes the resignation shall be effective at the next regular or special meeting of the city legislative body occurring after the date specified in the written letter of resignation which would make his resignation effective today, January 21, 2011.

Discussion held on how to vote. Attorney Brammell stated that the statute requires that the position be filled by the remaining council members and that the council can transact business with a quorum present which we do have. The successful candidate will need three of the four votes with Mayor Stephens able to break a tie if necessary. It was decided to do elimination

voting by voting on each person individually. Attorney Brammell suggested that if the council was comfortable to have a final vote after the elimination process.

Preliminary voting commenced for the purpose of elimination. Each name was presented alphabetically as follows with votes recorded:

First Elimination Vote:

Jeremiah Clark – One Vote
Danny Meadows – Two Votes
Larry Montgomery – Zero Votes
Johnny Pittman – Zero Votes
Glenn Simpson – One Vote

Second Elimination Vote:

Jeremiah Clark – One Vote
Danny Meadows – Three Votes
Glenn Simpson – Zero Votes

Third Elimination Vote:

Jeremiah Clark – Zero Votes
Danny Meadows – Four Votes

Motion made by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Browning to appoint Danny Meadows to replace resigning council Member Kevin Whitt through December 31, 2011. On a call of vote by Clerk Doane, all members present voted “Yea”.

Member Mason asked how we should proceed with letting other people know that they can run in August. Discussion held. Mayor Stephens will send letters of thank you to the other candidates and will let them know they can file in August to be on the November ballot for the remaining year of this term.

With no further business to be discussed, motion made by Member Mason and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn. All members present voted “Yea”. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

DRANE STEPHENS, MAYOR
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: _____
SANDRA A. DOANE, CITY CLERK
CITY OF EMINENCE, KENTUCKY