

City of Washburn
Special Commission Meeting
April 29th, 2015, 7:30 p.m.

Commission Members Present: Moran, Baumann, Thomas, Jacobson

Commissioner Thomas called the meeting to order. Thomas explained the reason for the special meeting, which was to address the resignation of Commission President, Duane Bauer, and he asked City Auditor Zimmerman to read the letter of resignation.

Jacobson moved to accept the resignation of Commissioner Bauer and seconded by Baumann. Discussion: Thomas addressed the request in Bauer's resignation letter that "any remaining pay due to him be given to the resident who's request for help with her special assessments was denied at the previous Commission meeting", and stated that any salary due to Bauer should go to him [Bauer] and then he [Bauer] in turn can give to whomever he would like. City Attorney David Lindell agreed. Roll Call: Aye, Jacobson, Baumann, Thomas, and Nay: Moran. Motion approved.

City Attorney David Lindell explained to the Commissioners the ND Century Code process on how to deal with a vacancy with 2 options. Either the Commissioners can call for a special election or, if that option is not chosen, there is a (15) day waiting period for the residents of Washburn to call for an election. Residents will need to petition with an accumulation of signatures equaling 5% of the voters in the last election, which would be 36. If there is not petition calling for a special election, an appointment to the Commission will be made.

Thomas stated he did not want to call for a special election because it is time consuming, costs money and he would rather appoint someone unless the public calls for a special election. Jacobson agreed. Thomas suggested waiting on the assignment of portfolios until a new person comes on board. Zimmerman explained that the most pressing items are the interviews with candidates for the custodial position. Baumann volunteered to interview candidates with Jacobson. Zimmerman will coordinate schedules and times.

The next meeting will be the previously scheduled commission meeting on May 18th, 2015.

Motion to adjourn.

Joan Zimmerman, Auditor
City of Washburn