



City Of Seagraves

Meeting Minutes
City of Seagraves, TX
EMERGENCY SESSION
SEAGRAVES CITY COUNCIL
August 15th, 2019
City Hall

08-15-19

Guests: Sherry Lemons, Chad Hallum, Kevin Jefferson.

- 1.) Call to Order: 06:00PM Mayor declared a quorum
- 2.) Pledge of Allegiance: Dan Grife
- 3.) Invocation: Ruben Valles
- 4.) Roll Call: Charles Evans-Mayor, Cindy Durham, Debra Middleton, Ruben Valles, Shannon Wadzeck, Kendra Sellers

The Mayor introduced Mr. Chad Hallum to the city council. Mr. Hallum briefly reviewed the main points in his resume and career in law enforcement. Mr. Hallum said that he has full time permanent employment and was not interested in the position but he was willing to help by serving as Interim Chief of Police while a search for a suitable permanent Chief was being conducted. Mr. Hallum said that he had the administrative, personnel, records, and evidence management experience to get the department into shape for the next chief. Mr. Hallum said that he does have a Master Certification but had been outside law enforcement for more than 180 days and would have to undergo a physical and psychological examination before beginning. The process should take about one week. Alderman Wadzeck asked what sort of pay Mr. Hallum was expecting. Mr. Hallum said that he will be assuming liability for all the officers under his command and would accept responsibility for them. Mr. Hallum said that he expected to work about 25 to 30 hours per week unless there was an emergency and, would accept \$25.00 per hour. Alderman Valles asked if Mr. Hallum would be participating in the search for a permanent replacement. Mr. Hallum said he would advise but recommended The Council put together a Search Committee comprised of qualified individuals such as The County Attorney, The Sherriff and other similarly experienced people. Alderman Wadzeck suggested that the committee also include citizens from Seagraves. Mr. Hallum said that he will focus on reducing liability and making the town safe. Mr. Hallum said that evidence and property issues were the sort of thing that can get the city sued. Alderman Middleton asked whom had contacted Mr. Hallum. Mayor Evans said that he had asked the Municipal Court Judge for referrals and that the Judge had suggested Mr. Hallum. The Mayor said that a complete inventory of the department is needed and that The Council had no idea what equipment was there. Mr. Hallum said he found that surprising but that he would see what was there now and begin an inventory. Alderman Wadzeck asked if The Council should go into Executive Session. The Alderman said The Council should not act rashly.

The Mayor declared Executive Session at 06:32PM.

Executive Session ended at 07:55PM. The Mayor announced that The Council had decided to offer Mr. Hallum the position as Interim Chief of Police. Motion to hire Mr. Hallum as Interim Chief of Police on a part time basis by Alderman Durham, Second by Alderman Wadzeck. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Alderman Middleton Motion to accept the search committee of: CHARLES EVANS, SCARLETT TERRELL, BRIAN ROSSON, RONNIE PIPKIN, BERNIE CRAFT, TED WADZECK, STACY MARQUEZ, WADE ELLIS, and JUNIOR MARTINEZ, Second by Alderman Valles. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Alderman Sellers asked if the former Chef had been paid all the sick leave and vacation he had accumulated at the time of his resignation. The Secretary said that the former Chef had been paid all such leave. Alderman Sellers asked what the personnel policy was for paying out leave. The Secretary replied that it was contrary to the

policy but that a president had been set by paying out the former City Secretary and other employees on retirement. Alderman Sellers said that the Chief had resigned and had not given notice. The City Secretary replied that he had discussed the matter with The Mayor and had been directed to do so.

Motion to Adjourn by Alderman Middleton, Second by Alderman Sellers.

Meeting Adjourned at 08:02PM

Charles Evans, Mayor

Attest:

Dan Grife, City Secretary