

Minutes of Special meeting held February 19, 2007

Special meeting with the following present: Mayor Horace Fincher; Aldermen Jerry Stone, Erik Dahler, Sam Cortez; City Secretary Josie Campa. Alderman Bowen was absent.

Visitors: William Alonzo, Shawna Lewis, Gerry Elias.

Mayor Fincher opened the special meeting at 6:30 p.m., and told Council that Alderman Mark Bowen had submitted a letter to Council since he was unable to be at this meeting.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MAYOR PRO-TEM DUE TO GERRY ELIAS' RESIGNATION

Alderman Dahler made the motion that Council appoint Mark Bowen as Mayor Pro-tem. Seconded by Alderman Cortez. Passed unanimously.

CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

Mayor Fincher told Council that the committee had interviewed four applicants for the judge's position, and had reviewed the other resume received. The Mayor told Council that the committee is recommending Gerry Elias be appointed as Municipal Court Judge. The Mayor told Council that the committee had recommended that the judge be paid \$50.00 per hour for the first three (3) months and a log be kept to help determine a monthly salary. Alderman Dahler asked if the recommendation was unanimous and the Mayor told him it was. Alderman Cortez made the motion that Council appoint Gerry Elias as Municipal Court Judge as per the committee's recommendation. Seconded by Alderman Stone. Passed unanimously.

Alderman Dahler told Mr. Elias he hates to lose him from the Council but he feels he will be a good judge.

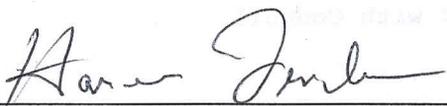
Mayor Fincher thanked Mr. Elias for his hard work and dedication to the city during the past seventeen years.

Alderman Cortez also thanked Mr. Elias for his service to the city and said he will support him 100% in his bid for the Justice of the Peace position.

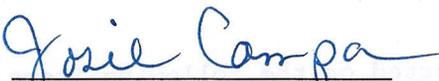
Gerry Elias thanked the Mayor, council members, for their help during his years on the Council. Mr. Elias told Council he would like to keep the Mayor on as a consultant for at least two months to walk through items that have already been started.

Council agreed that his request would have to be considered at another meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



Mayor



City Secretary