

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
CITY OF VERNON
December 9, 2019
5:30 PM**

Present – Council members: Joey Brock, Gwendolyn March, Jeanie Shipes, and Becky Baxley; City Clerk: Tracy Walker; Public Works Director: Jason Rhoton; Fire Chief: Mike Owens Absent – Mayor: Laura Brewer, Attorney: Michelle Jordan

NEW BUSINESS

1. Interviews for Street Maintenance – Ricky Clark, Richard Kelly, and Chad Taylor were interviewed
2. Interviews for Deputy Clerk – Annette Owens, Laconia Boylston, and Michelle Cross were interviewed
3. 2018 Audit Update – John Hamilton is reviewing 2018; Carr, Riggs cannot help us to get caught up, but once we are up to date, they would be glad to step up
4. WSP Request for 1-year lease extension – Joey and Gwen need to sign the paperwork if approved
5. Engineering Proposal Update – the letter the I submitted to CDG is included in the packets will be on the agenda for Monday night to go with Municipal Engineer
6. Christmas Bonuses – 2 Council members called and asked about Christmas bonus which were not budgeted; I have dug around and found where there are funds for Christmas bonuses for all employees – the two full-time employees should receive \$200 and the two temporary employees deserve \$100; Joey stated that in the future, Council members need to look at budgeting for a raise for themselves somewhere between \$350 and \$500
7. Jason’s vacation – (added) payout for Christmas approved; MTA by Becky Baxley, second from Gwendolyn March, motion passes with all in favor

Becky requested the Mayor’s recommendations regarding the deputy clerk’s position; Joey opened the envelope and read the notes aloud. I have some issues with the Mayor’s responsibilities because I know how it used to be and the charter has not been changed in my lifetime. After Gary resigned, we really should have had an election; according to the charter, we are supposed to be a 5-

member council. After discussing the upcoming election, Joey stated that 3 seats will be up for next year – Gary’s empty seat, Ms. Gwen’s, and his.

ADJOURNMENT – with no further business to discuss, Gwendolyn made a motion to adjourn, second by both Jeanie Shipes and Becky Baxley and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

NOTE: THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS THE LISTED ITEMS ONLY.

- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (TIME LIMIT OF FIVE (5) MINUTES) – ANYONE WHO DESIRES TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL MUST SIGN IN WITH THE CITY CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING STARTING AND PROVIDE THE TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION.
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