

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 16, 2009 - 6:05 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL.**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jeff Hagen. Roll Call was taken and the following members were found to be present: Mayor Hagen, Council Members: Bill Becker, John Koerber, Susan Palmer, Jerry Schmitt, Randy Volkmuth & Duane Willenbring. Absent: None.

Staff members present were: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber & Public Works Director Rick Hansen.

Others present were: Tудie Hermanutz, Don Simon, Carol Dietman & George Bechtold.

OPEN FORUM

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE – SCHEDULE MEETING DATE – *Motion by Member Volkmuth, second by Member Palmer, to schedule a Finance Committee meeting on 9/30/09 – 6 p.m.*
AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

INTERIM FIRE CHIEF – Chair Volkmuth reported that the committee met on 9/15/09 and interviewed two applicants for the position of Interim Fire Chief: Rodney Schaefer and Don Simon. The Personnel Committee recommends that Rodney Schaefer be appointed to fill that position.

Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Koerber, to appoint Rodney Schaefer as Interim Fire Chief effective 9/28/09 – 12:00 noon.
AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

INTERIM 1st ASSISTANT CHIEF – Chair Volkmuth reported that the Committee wanted to appoint Don Simon as Interim 1st Assistant Chief, but determined that the position would have to be opened up. The Committee recommends authorizing opening up for applications as the Interim 1st Assistant Fire Chief to be filled by 10/21/09.

Motion by Member Palmer, second by Member Schmitt, to authorize posting in-house for applications for the Interim 1st Assistant Fire Chief to be filled by 10/21/09.
AYES: Becker, Hagen, Koerber, Palmer, Schmitt, Volkmuth & Willenbring
Motion passed on a 7 to 0 vote.

OPEN FORUM

Carol Dietman – 10059 County Road 47, heard that somebody living on County Road 8 has 10 acres and wanted to have a horse and the rumor is that the council is against it.

Mayor Hagen reported that the use is not allowed by CUP or IUP in the R-2 District. Carol Dietman asked what happened to preserving agricultural as part of the consolidation. She understands they are in the R-2 with Commercial Development someday.

Member Volkmuth indicated that as a council member they have to think long term. If you see a horse on the lot that you want to develop commercially what is going to happen to the front side if you have a horse on the back side. The question is why have a zoning ordinance if you are going to keep granting variances.

Member Palmer indicated that the issue has to do with the zoning ordinance.

Member Willenbring reported that discussion was held at the Planning Commission and it was determined that the zoning was proper, but is there a way to look at the use through an Interim Use permit. It was determined that the property owner has that right to apply, but if it is going to come forward there will be strings attached and there may be a lot of costs.

Mayor Hagen indicated that the council was trying to avoid a lot of costs and hurt feelings by taking this action.

Carol Dietman also wished to discuss Rock Fest in that there are so many rumors in town and it seems to be coming from the council.

Member Volkmuth reported that people have complained to him and other members of the Council.

Carol Dietman reported the committee has had successful years, there were always had enough volunteers. If so many people that are against the festival then how do they get so many volunteers.

Member Volkmuth reported that what happened in front of the council recently made people look bad and was an embarrassment to the city.

Rena Weber reported that the meeting scheduled on 9/30/09 was to specifically meet with the Rock Fest Committee.

Don Simon – 600 Othmar Lane, thanked the Council for interviewing him for the Fire Chief's position and just wanted to know how long the application process would be open for the 1st Assistant Chief. It was determined that applications would be taken until 9/30/09.

ADJOURNMENT – Motion by Member Becker, second by Member Volkmuth, to adjourn the meeting at 6:22 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

**VERENA M. WEBER-CMC
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**

**JEFF HAGEN
MAYOR**