

TOWN COUNCIL  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
MAY 8, 2013  
7:00 PM

Acting Mayor Greer-Present  
Councilman Ward-Present  
Councilman Massey-Present  
Councilman Doughty-Present  
Councilman Metz-Present  
Councilman Lewis-Present

STAFF PRESENT: Zeke Jackson, Ethel Parks, Attorney David Rowan.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Acting Mayor Greer. Acting Mayor Greer established a quorum with all members present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

INVOCATION:

The invocation was given by Acting Mayor Greer.

TRANSITION OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM THE TOWN MANAGER TO THE MAYOR:

Attorney David Rowan noted that the Town Charter places the supervision of the police department under the Town Manager or the Mayor, whichever the Council sees fit. It is currently under the supervision of the Town Manager and is now up to the Council to vote to change it. Councilman Metz asked to discuss this before they vote. Attorney Rowan advised the Acting Mayor Greer that due to the friction between certain employees, to refrain from stating specific names and examples during tonight's open meeting. Acting Mayor Greer asked if the Council wished for him to assume the role and authority of Acting Mayor. Councilman Ward said that the Charter reads that it will go to him as Vice-Mayor. He noted that he does not feel all the burden should fall on him and all the Council needs to work together to make it easier. Acting Mayor Greer stated that he is well aware of the powers of the Mayor and any decisions that need to be made, he will confer with the Council and those decisions will be made as a whole Council not just by himself. He told them that he appreciates their support.

Councilman Doughty asked if they could discuss other problems tonight or go into closed session. Attorney Rowan noted that the transition of the supervision of the police department is the only thing on the agenda tonight and another meeting will have to be scheduled to deal with the other problems. Councilman Doughty stated that he had asked for another meeting to be set up for next Monday but there has been no agenda set.

Councilman Massey asked if they needed to go into closed session to appoint a new Councilman. Attorney Rowan said that they have 45 days to appoint an interim Mayor and Council member then file a petition with the court for a special election. Councilman Massey said that Robert Duer may be interested in filling the vacant Council seat. David Scanlan noted that the public needs to be aware of the vacancy in case someone else is interested and therefore can express their interest as well.

Councilman Ward made the Motion to move the supervision of the police department to Acting Mayor Greer with the assistance of the Council. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Massey. The Motion passed by a 4-1 vote with Councilman Metz opposed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Acting Mayor Greer made the Motion to adjourn the meeting. The Motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis. Discussion-None. The Motion was passed unanimously. The Meeting was adjourned.

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Douglas Greer, Acting Mayor

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Ethel Parks, Town Clerk

