

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
Casper City Hall – Council Chambers
May 19, 2017

Casper City Council met in special session at 3:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2017. Present: Councilmembers Hopkins, Huckabay, Johnson, Morgan, Pacheco, Powell, Walsh and Mayor Humphrey.

Mayor Humphrey led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Humphrey stated that Council would be interviewing candidates to fill the Ward II Councilmember vacancy which would have terminated on January 5, 2021. She stated that the term of this vacancy will end December 31, 2018. She also indicated that the person filling this vacancy may choose to run for the remainder of the unexpired term in the general election of November 2018.

Mayor Humphrey also stated that each candidate would be allowed ten (10) minutes to respond to the following questions: tell us about yourself; explain why you want to serve on the City Council; describe your qualifications and how they will benefit the City of Casper; are you willing to run for election in the 2018 general election; and tell us about your availability to serve the time commitments of Council meetings and board meetings.

Mayor Humphrey gave general information about the time requirements of Councilmembers. She also listed the upcoming budget and work session meetings to be held next week and stated that the successful candidate would be sworn in before the Monday, May 22, 2017 budget work session.

Mayor Humphrey stated that candidate Monte Henrie, Jr. had withdrawn his application.

The following candidates addressed Council: Ken Bates, Lauri Gobble, Tim Kugler, Dallas Laird, Grace Niemitalo, and Paul Paad.

At 3:47 p.m., it was moved by Councilmember Pacheco, seconded by Councilmember Hopkins to adjourn into executive session to discuss the filling of the Ward II vacancy. Motion passed. Councilmembers then adjourned to the Council meeting room.

At 4:38 p.m., Councilmembers returned to the Council Chambers. Moved by Councilmember Walsh, seconded by Councilmember Pacheco, to adjourn the executive session.

Councilmember Powell made statements about the difficulty of selecting a candidate and thanking applicants for their interest.

Moved by Councilmember Huckabay, to appoint, by minute action Dallas Laird, to fill the Ward II Council seat vacancy created by the resignation of Todd Murphy, this appointment to be effective at the May 22, 2017 City Council Budget Work Session. Seconded by Councilmember Johnson. Motion passed.

Councilmembers made statements thanking the candidates for their interest and encouraging continued involvement in the community.

Moved by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Morgan to, by minute action adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CASPER, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Tracey L. Belser
City Clerk

Kenyne Humphrey
Mayor