

Council Proceedings (Official)

A Special Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Monday, November 8, 2021, in the City Hall Council Chambers as a hybrid attendance meeting, with Zoom video conference available.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Litzner, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Clapperton gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton, LaLonde, Mayor Litzner, Councilmember Pelter and Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis.

Absent: Councilmember Tremble (end of term).

Staff Present: Darcy Long, City Manager; Charles Palmer, City Attorney (Zoom); Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer; Stephanie Baar, Assistant to the City Manager; Tony Brown, Police Chief; Nick Montie, Fire Chief.

LIMITED PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received regarding replacing a vacant Council seat due to a City Election and the Charter.

NEW BUSINESS

A. OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk/Treasurer Insley gave the Oath of Office to the newly elected Mayor and Councilmembers; William LaLonde, Mayor and Councilmembers Jim Clapperton, Kayla Pelter and Michael Williford.

At this time, former Mayor Litzner turned the meeting over to Mayor LaLonde and the newly elected Councilmembers took their place at the Council's table.

B. ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO-TEM:

Mayor LaLonde called for nominations for the position of Mayor Pro-Tem. It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton, to nominate Robert St. Louis to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Mayor LaLonde called again for any other nominations and hearing none, it was the consensus of Council to appoint Robert St. Louis as the Mayor Pro-Tem for the next two years.

C. ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPEN COUNCIL SEAT & PROCESS

Mayor LaLonde requested suggestions from Council as to how to proceed with filling the vacant Council seat. It was moved by Councilmember Clapperton, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, to first consult the City Attorney regarding the Charter's directives and to also begin accepting letters of interest to fill the vacant seat through November 18th.

After some discussion, Mayor LaLonde recognized the Council's intention to fill the vacancy within 30 days, per the City Charter's suggested time frame, and asked that letters of interest be submitted to the City Manager's office by Thursday, November 18th at 4 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

Yes: Mayor LaLonde, Councilmember Pelter, Mayor Pro-Tem St. Louis, Councilmembers Williford and Clapperton.

No: Councilmember Fullerton.

Absent: None.

Motion carried five to one.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

William LaLonde, Mayor

Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer