City of St. Ignace Special City Council Proceedings (Official)

A Special Meeting of the St. Ignace City Council was held on Thursday, May 28, 2020, remotely via Zoom video conference.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Litzner with the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember Clapperton gave the invocation.

Present: Councilmembers Clapperton, Fullerton (logged on 6:12 p.m.), Mayor Litzner, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis and Tremble.

Absent: None.

Staff Present: Michael Stelmaszek, City Manager(signed off at 6:32 p.m.); Charles Palmer, City Attorney; Tony Brown, Chief of Police; Kyle Mulka, City Assessor; Andrea Insley, City Clerk/Treasurer; Al Mitchell, Police Sergeant; Lauren Yoder, Marina Director.

1. CLOSED SESSIONS SECTION 8(a), MCL 15.268(a):

City Manager Stelmaszek requested that Council enter in to Closed Session regarding an employee issue, per Section 8(a), MCL 15.268(a).

It was moved by Mayor Litzner, seconded by Councilmember Fullerton, to enter in to Closed Session regarding City Manager Stelmaszek's request at 6:13 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Councilmember Fullerton, Mayor Litzner, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble and Clapperton.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

After Council returned from Closed Session at 6:23 p.m., it was moved by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, seconded by Councilmember Pelter, to accept the letter of resignation from City Manager Michael Stelmaszek, effective immediately, and to continue his pay and benefits through July 3, 2020, with the City Manager making this submission without duress. **Roll call vote**:

Yes: Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton and Mayor Litzner.

No: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Tony Brown requested that Council enter in to Closed Session, regarding an employee issue, per Section 8(a), MCL 15.268(a).

It was moved by Mayor Litzner, seconded by Councilmember Clapperton, to enter in to Closed Session regarding Police Chief Brown's request at 6:33 p.m.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Councilmembers Pelter, St. Louis, Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton, Mayor Litzner and

Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin. No: None. Motion carried unanimously.

After Council returned from Closed Session at 6:41 p.m., it was moved by Mayor Litzner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin, to place Police Chief Tony Brown on paid Administrative Leave until the State Police investigation has been completed.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Councilmembers Tremble, Clapperton, Fullerton, Mayor Litzner, Mayor Pro-Tem Paquin and Councilmember St. Louis.

No: Councilmember Pelter.

Motion carried six to one.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Mayor, Connie Litzner

Andrea Insley, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer