

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

FEBRAURY 28, 2019; 4:05 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR SCOTT FREITAG, JOYCE BROWN,
BRUCE DAVIS, TOM DAY AND JOY PETRO**

STAFF PRESENT:

ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, AND KIM READ

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers of the Layton City Center.

Mayor Freitag opened the meeting and Councilmember Davis offered the Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation. Members of the public were welcomed.

Gary Crane, City Attorney, explained Mayor Freitag would need to officially resign from the Council prior to beginning the selection process. He reviewed the process which would be used to select the new councilmember which had been determined by the City Council and allowed by State Code.

Mayor Freitag called for a motion.

Councilmember Day requested further clarification on the process and Mr. Crane explained the process which would be followed to determine the final two candidates and reviewed scenarios in which the Mayor would need to vote to break a tie vote.

Councilmember Brown clarified when questions would be asked and Mr. Crane indicated questions would be asked of either the initial four selected candidates, or the successful two selected candidates.

MOTION: Councilmember Brown moved to approve the process of selecting the councilmember as described and presented by City Attorney, Gary Crane, seconded by Councilmember Petro. The motion passed with the following vote; VOTING AYE - Councilmembers Davis, Petro, Freitag, Day and Brown. VOTING NO - None.

Councilmember Freitag announced his resignation effective today from the City Council and Mayor Freitag accepted the resignation.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

The candidates selected the order in which they would address the Council.

Dante Fratto introduced himself and stated he had served on several non-profit boards. He stated his family had opportunities to move out of the City and had made the choice to remain in Layton City. He complimented the current City Council and stated he desired to be a part of the team.

Tricia Pilny explained her background to the Council and identified the reasons she believed would make her a great councilmember and how she could contribute to the development and growth of Layton in a positive way.

Dawn Fitzpatrick expressed appreciation for the opportunity and consideration for the councilmember position. She introduced herself to the Council and shared some of her previous volunteer experience with Layton City and other non-profits throughout the community. She expressed her desire to serve the residents in the capacity of councilmember.

Troy Hudson introduced himself and his family to the Council and mentioned he had lived in several areas and announced he considered Davis County and Layton City his home. He shared his political experience with the two political parties and stated he was disenfranchised by that experience. He stated he wanted to become involved in local politics and was prepared to be accountable to the residents and was prepared to lead with integrity.

Shilo Kestel informed the Council he had chosen to move to Layton City and stated he wanted to be a part of the change and development in Layton City. He shared his knowledge and explained how he believed that knowledge could be used to better the City. He stated he believed his age and lack of life experience could be an asset as he represented a certain demographic within the City.

Chris Crowder stated he had a lot of fond memories of Layton City and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to address the Council and introduced himself to the Council. He shared his philosophy of "Listen More, Talk Less" and believed the phrase would benefit him if he was selected to serve on the Council. He reminded the Council of the paper he authored comparing Layton City to Ogden City when he was pursuing his Master's Degree in Public Administration. He believed he was passionate for helping people and solving solutions and suggested his profession was similar to a project manager for a non-profit provided him with the skillset which could benefit the City.

Mike Kolendrianos stated he was a long-time resident over 50 years and highlighted some of his involvement within the community and State of Utah which provided housing to low-income residents, refugees, emigrants and foster children aging out of the system. He also shared his experience and involvement with a Greek organization. He shared his personal experience which spurred him to become more involved in local government. He stated his philosophy of being a leader as to observe what his competition was doing right and implementing those qualities.

Tom Cavanaugh believed freedom doesn't come free and that everyone should provide a service to their respective communities. He believed civic leaders should to listen to its constituents and shared his personal experience in working in local government. He stated his family had chosen to move back to Layton City and mentioned the diversity was one of those reasons. He pointed out how fast the City was growing and stated he wanted to be involved and part of those decisions.

Clint Morris introduced himself to the Council and expressed his appreciation at the opportunity to address it today. He highlighted the qualities of living in Layton City even as it continued to grow and expressed a desire to be involved in future growth decisions. He also reviewed his many volunteer opportunities of serving the City and Davis County community. He informed the Council of his career experience and believed he had a lot to offer the City.

Brian Hicks expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the Council and introduced himself. He believed his professional experience would be a benefit to the Council. He expressed concern about the lack of affordable housing and the lack of vacant property for future development. He shared some suggestions he believed would be an opportunity to address those deficiencies. He also suggested offering small business owners a grant program to encourage new small businesses within the City. He shared an object lesson which illustrated a "new perspective" philosophy and stated he wanted to be that new philosophy.

Mike Bouwhuis reminded the council of his experience in previously serving on a City Council and re-introduced himself to the Council. He shared some of his professional experience and other projects which he had been involved with not only in capacity of City Council, but with his profession and other volunteer opportunities within the community. He stated he missed his involvement in the community since his retirement from (DATC) Davis Applied Technology College. He believed he was qualified for the position and believed his experience would allow him to begin serving immediately.

Jesse Barocia expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to address the Council and be considered for the councilmember seat. He introduced himself to the Council and announced he and his wife believed Layton was a great place to call home and stated this was the kind of City where he wanted to raise his children. He applauded the Council, Planning Commission and Staff for the Layton Forward General Plan which planned for growth. He shared his professional experience and how he believed it would benefit the position of councilmember for the City. He also highlighted his experience as a Delegate and stated he was willing to listen to his neighbors and residents.

Tyson Plastow expressed appreciation to the Council for their service. He shared his reason in choosing to live in Layton as he had grown up in a military family. He announced he was ready for public service and shared a very personal experience. He shared some of his professional experience and identified those reasons why those would be a benefit to the Council.

Scott Carter spoke to those things which he would like to implement within the City and shared his personal history associated with Layton City. He stated he had the desire to again be involved with the City and identified a few qualities which he believed would benefit him serving. He believed the City should promote growth in bringing commerce and jobs, not just housing to the community. He mentioned the importance of building bridges between other communities.

Daniela Harding expressed appreciation for the opportunity and introduced herself to the Council. She reviewed her educational and professional experiences and informed the Council of why she and her family chose to live in Layton. She reviewed her volunteer experience within the community and how she believed they would benefit her in serving on the council. She expressed a desire for the General Plan to get approved and expand the trail system. She also spoke of those things she believed were important moving forward. She identified three specific reasons why she applied for the councilmember vacancy.

Mayor Freitag expressed appreciation to the candidates for each of their presentations and their desire to serve and become involved with Layton City.

Mr. Crane requested each councilmember select one candidate of their choice and he collected the ballots. Mr. Crane and Kimberly Read, City Recorder, counted the ballots.

The Council took a break at 5:30 p.m.
The Meeting resumed at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Crane announced Scott Carter had received two votes and would advance as a candidate. He asked the Council to vote for either Mike Kolendrianos or Chris Crowder to determine the other candidate. The votes were counted and Mr. Crane announced Chris Crowder would be the second candidate selected by the Council.

Mayor Freitag asked both candidates to respond to the following question: "What do you see the biggest challenges to be for the City currently, and in the future, and how should the City meet those challenges?"

Scott Carter believed the biggest challenge was to create a community that had the ability to serve all; having neighborhoods that have needed neighborhood services. He suggested the Master Plan should create a smart plan which could provide services for people of all ages. He believed commercial centers need to be close to neighborhood centers allowing accessibility without having to travel. He added ensuring proper infrastructure such as water, sewer services, fire services, transportation services all work together to make a better community. He believed the City had success with this in the past and believed it could continue in the future with the appropriate planning.

Chris Crowder believed the most critical challenge was transportation and the flow throughout the City. He mentioned infrastructure was important but if a resident had difficulty getting from point A to point B without frustration that wouldn't matter. He pointed out some of the recent improvements such as the I-15

reconstruction, Hill Field Road and the new flyover bridge had solved some of the issues. He stated he appreciated the town centers which incorporated commercial components and was impressed with how the City would be laid out and believed the General Plan was solving these issues.

Mayor Freitag asked the candidates to respond to the following question: “The City Council may have an issue in which the clear requirements of the law were contrary to the position of the majority of the citizens. As the Council discusses the issue it might create strong disagreements among councilmembers. What would your approach be in addressing these conflicts?”

Chris Crowder responded he had identified and learned his leadership style during his schooling. He stated regardless of the disagreement spoke of the importance of being respectful with one another. He stated he would talk less and listen more, and be slow to judgement.

Scott Carter emphasized the Council was obligated to follow the law and believed the Council could work together through the lengthy process to change the law. He suggested gathering input, disseminating information and patience with everyone involved. He believed community participation would be key to all processes.

Mayor Freitag requested the councilmembers select one of the candidates and write down that name and submit it to Mr. Crane.

Mr. Crane announced there was a tie and Mayor Freitag would need to vote to break the tie between Scott Carter and Chris Crowder. Mayor Freitag announced Scott Carter would be the new Councilmember.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Read conducted the Oath of Office ceremony for Councilmember Scott Carter.

MOTION: Councilmember Brown moved to re-affirm the process and confirm the appointment of Scott Carter as a member of the City Council, seconded by Councilmember Davis. The motion passed with the following vote; VOTING AYE - Councilmembers Brown, Davis, Day and Petro. Voting NO - None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder