

**MINUTES OF LAYTON CITY
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

JANUARY 8, 2020; 5:10 P.M.

**MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS
PRESENT:**

**MAYOR JOY PETRO, ZACH BLOXHAM, TOM
DAY, CLINT MORRIS, AND DAVE THOMAS**

STAFF PRESENT:

ALEX JENSEN, GARY CRANE, AND KIM READ

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

Mayor Petro opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Keith Plute offered the Invocation. Members of the public were welcomed.

Mayor Petro announced she had submitted her resignation as a Councilmember, due to the results of her being elected to Mayor during the 2019 General Election.

Gary Crane, City Attorney, explained and reviewed the process which would be used to interview and select the new Councilmember for Layton City and allowed by State Code. He mentioned Councilmember Bloxham had sent an email to the candidates and those responses have been given to the entire Council. Councilmember Morris had also contacted some of the applicants. He added the new Council had consulted with the previous Council regarding the candidates.

Councilmember Day requested clarification on the selection process specific to the first round of voting and Mr. Crane reiterated that process.

Mayor Petro expressed appreciation to Mr. Crane and called for a motion.

MOTION: Councilmember Morris moved to approve the process as outlined by Mr. Crane for the selection of a new Councilmember and approve the successful candidate coming out of that process as the new member of Layton City Council, seconded by Councilmember Bloxham. The motion passed with the following vote: **Voting AYE: Councilmembers Day, Bloxham, Morris, and Thomas. Voting NO: None.**

Mayor Petro announced the candidates by name and each one selected the order in which they would address the Council.

SELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Each candidate had the opportunity to introduce themselves to the Council and explain why they should be appointed to the vacancy. The candidates addressed the Council in the following order:

- Ja Eggett
- Thomas M. Cavanaugh
- Tyson Plastow
- David M. Vance
- Brennan McCloney
- Don Wilhelm
- Mike Kolendrianos
- Chris Crowder
- Kimberly Love
- Scott Carter

- Dawn Fitzpatrick
- Joni Scoffield
- Brian Hicks

Mayor Petro expressed appreciation to the applicants for their interest in serving the City. She requested members of the Council select one candidate of their choice and Ms. Read collected the ballots. Mr. Crane and Ms. Read counted the ballots.

The Council took a break at 6:07 p.m.
The Meeting resumed at 6:11 p.m.

Mayor Petro announced Dawn Fitzpatrick had advanced as a finalist. She announced Don Wilhelm and Chris Crowder each received one vote and requested each Councilmember select between those two candidates.

Mr. Crane and Kimberly Read counted the ballots.

Mayor Petro announced that round of voting resulted in a tie. She expressed her vote for Chris Crowder. Mayor Petro announced Mr. Crowder and Ms. Fitzpatrick would be the two finalists and asked the first question: What do you think is the most important role as a Councilmember?

Dawn Fitzpatrick responded a Councilmember should support City Staff and represent the residents.

Chris Crowder responded honest decisiveness and be willing to explain your decision to the public.

Mayor Petro asked the second question: Is there anything else the Council doesn't already know about you that would help the Council make this decision?

Mr. Crowder stated one last point he wanted to explain to the Council was the human resource/human capital that he deals with every day. He explained he held a position with a non-profit organization in which he worked daily with volunteers. He understood the most valuable resource available to the organization in accomplishing its goal was human capital. He believed the most valuable people of the City were the employees and volunteers of the City.

Ms. Fitzpatrick stated she believed she was a team player while at the same time she was an independent thinker and shared some of her experiences while serving on the Planning Commission as an example.

Mayor Petro asked if there were any additional questions from the Council and there were none.

Mayor Petro requested the Council then vote for one candidate. Mr. Crane announced there was a tie.

Mayor Petro stated this was a difficult decision and indicated she wasn't afraid of making tough decisions. She announced her selection of Dawn Fitzpatrick to fill the Councilmember vacancy.

MOTION: Councilmember Day moved to re-affirm the process and confirm the appointment of Dawn Fitzpatrick as a member of the City Council, seconded by Councilmember Morris. The motion passed with the following vote: **VOTING AYE - Councilmembers Thomas, Morris, Bloxham, and Day.**

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Read conducted the Oath of Office ceremony for Councilmember Dawn Fitzpatrick.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Kimberly S Read, City Recorder