

MINUTES OF THE MISSION SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

January 8, 2018

The Mission City Council met for a Special City Council Meeting at Mission City Hall on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Schowengerdt. The following councilmembers were present: Ron Appletoft, Tom Geraghty, Suzie Gibbs, Kristin Inman, Debbie Kring, Pat Quinn, Arcie Rothrock, Nick Schlossmacher.

Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2017 City Council Meeting

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Geraghty to approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2017 City Council Meeting. There was no discussion on this item. Voting AYE: Appletoft, Geraghty, Gibbs, Inman, Kring, Quinn, Rothrock, Schlossmacher. **Motion carried.**

Comments by Mayor and Councilmembers

Councilmember Gibbs stated that she began this journey over 30 years ago and said it has been a “great ride.” Mission has great people who she was fortunate to represent and she thanked all for the support over the years.

Councilmember Geraghty thanked all for the opportunity serve, stating it has been a “great adventure.” He knows that incoming councilmembers Hillary Thomas and Sollie Flora will do a great job.

Mayor Schowengerdt stated that he has been able to work with a great council, and that the two councilmembers stepping down tonight (Councilmember Gibbs and Geraghty) will be greatly missed. He offered his best to them moving forward and stated that we will all miss Councilmember Geraghty’s wisdom and humor, and Councilmember Gibbs service to the community. He is confident Ms. Flora and Ms. Thomas will excel on council and noted their commitment to the community. He thanked staff for their work, especially Ms. Smith who leads the entire staff. He stated that it has been a great honor to serve as Mayor.

Presentations to Outgoing Governing Body Members

City Administrator Laura Smith stated that every two years we have the potential to see a change in our Governing Body. It takes all working together and recognizing the work of previous councils to accomplish our goals and priorities.

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Ms. Smith recognized Councilmember Geraghty and stated that he has served since June 2016, and is the third person to represent Ward I since 2014. He has lifelong ties to Mission and we are fortunate to have had his knowledge and expertise as a councilmember. He serves on the KU Medical School Alumni Board and in his work through his charity which he established in 1985, he has completed over 8,000 surgeries to help children in Latin America. We will miss his opinions, questions, stories and sense of humor. Ms. Smith thanked him again for his service and presented Councilmember Geraghty with a plaque.

Ms. Smith recognized Councilmember Gibbs stating that she never steps away from an opportunity and is willing to tackle all that life sends her way. She has served the City of Mission in all aspects - City Clerk, Chamber of Commerce Director, business owner, Shawnee Mission School District Committee for Excellence, and three different "stints" as councilmember serving over 30 years. She is a champion of visioning and planning, and her passions include the Mission Magazine and the Holiday Family Adoption Program. Her work through this program has touched the lives of countless families. Her determination and energy know no bounds. We are also grateful to her family for sharing her with the community for so many years. Ms. Smith thanked Councilmember Gibbs for her many years of service and presented her with a plaque.

Ms. Smith recognized Mayor Schowengerdt, who has served as Mayor since April 2014. She stated that "Mission is in his blood" as a lifelong resident. He once stated that this job was "easy" if you are honest and talk in a straightforward manner to people. The hallmark of his term has been his availability to all that have wanted to speak or meet with him whether residents, businesses, or staff. She stated that he has 10 children, and 36 grandchildren, and she knows that he is committed to making the community better for them and future generations. He has provided leadership opportunities to staff and she thanked him on behalf of all staff. We have all learned from him during his tenure. Ms. Smith thanked Mayor Schowengerdt for his service and presented him with a plaque.

Installation of City Officials

Ms. Sumrall, City Clerk, administered to oath of office to councilmembers Hillary Parker Thomas, Ward I; Arcie Rothrock, Ward II; Debbie Kring, Ward III; and Sollie Flora, Ward IV. All were congratulated and they took their place at the dais.

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Ms. Sumrall administered the oath of office to Mayor Ron Appletoft. Mayor Appletoft was congratulated by all and took his place at the dais.

Comments by Mayor and Councilmembers

Mayor Appletoft opened the floor to comments from councilmembers.

Councilmember Thomas thanked her friends, family and neighbors for their support. She is excited to fill this position and recognizes the serious responsibility that goes with it.

Councilmember Flora thanked her friends, family and Ward IV residents for their support. She also thanked Councilmember Gibbs for her service, and stated that she will have “big shoes to fill” and looks forward to learning from Councilmember Gibbs along the way. She also thanked staff for their responsiveness to her questions.

Councilmember Rothrock thanked her father, husband, and children for their ongoing support, and she looks forward to continuing to serve her constituents.

Councilmember Kring thanked all for their support and stated that it is a honor to serve. This is her seventh term. She stated that when people come together, much can be accomplished. She also commended all the City departments and the work they do.

Mayor Appletoft stated that he is honored and excited to begin serving as Mayor. He thanked Mayor Schowengerdt, Councilmember Gibbs and Councilmember Geraghty for their service, and he is looking forward to building on the exciting things happening in Mission. He wants to sustain our current momentum, noting that the future of the city is bright.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Event Recognition

Ms. Smith stated that Congressman Kevin Yoder congratulated Mission on our ongoing Pearl Harbor Remembrance events, which was entered into the Congressional Record. She introduced Quinn Appletoft, who has been a part of these events for many years, to present a plaque from Congressman Yoder’s office to the City of Mission.

Quinn Appletoft, son of Mayor Appletoft, stated that as an Honorary Member of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association he was contacted to make this presentation. He

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began his involvement with the event when he was in 5th grade and his family has been instrumental in helping with these events for the past 10 years. He discussed the importance of sharing information on Pearl Harbor with younger generations. Mr Appletoft read Congressman Yoder's remarks from the Congressional Record that were included on the plaque, and presented the plaque to Mayor Appletoft and the City of Mission.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Quinn, seconded by Kring to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. All present voted AYE. **Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted by Martha Sumrall, City Clerk.

Ron Appletoft, Mayor

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