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TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

DATE: February 1, 2018

TIME: 7:00 pm

Call to order at 7:00pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call

Councilwoman Bori-Councilwoman-Present

Councilwoman Nash-Councilwoman-Present

Councilman Meli-Councilman-Present

Thomas Karjola-Mayor Pro Tempore-Present

3. Public Comments-

Naomi Perry introduced herself. She is the individual that is responsible for the initiation of the non-profit Stockton Legacy Library. She discussed with Council all of the hard work that has gone into this library for the kids of Stockton and the attainment of donations to make it happen, such as was received from Home Depot. This project started out as a one room library, but due to additional donations has been able to expand into more rooms with more things available for the youth of the Town. She was informed yesterday by Councilman Karjola that the basement of Town Hall is not ADA accessible and does not have a bathroom. Thinks that this library needs to be open to the community, but has been informed that Councilman Karjola gave the basement to the Chief of Police. She is heartbroken over this for the community. Wants to know the future of the library; with that being said the library should be opened when finished. The following is discussion that took place between Councilman Karjola and Ms. Perry:

Councilman Karjola- You (Naomi) need to know how much it hurt to even have to come talk to you about this. I want this Library. My family donated \$900 dollars to the cause. We want this.

Naomi Perry- I appreciate that. Why would you take something we just got done building then?

Councilman Karjola- We were unable to stop this due to old Mayor. We told Mark Whitney from the beginning. It's so unfair that you put your sweat and blood into it because it's not ADA accessible. We have to make it ADA compliant before moving forward.

Naomi Perry- Then we should do what we can to make it accessible. We can do anything we put our minds too.

Naomi Perry- You actually said that you thought we could move it into another building somewhere.

Councilman Karjola- That was an idea. By law we can't open it up unless its ADA accessible, we asked Mark Whitney and it wasn't getting done.

Naomi Perry- We won't be able to hold police business down there either though. We will have the same exact issue.

Councilman Karjola- Let Councilman Meli tell you what we will do. And Town business is priority.

Councilman Meli- We won't take the library and we will put police in another room. We will put police on north side of basement. Want to get with you later to get on the National Historic Register. And I can help.

Naomi Perry- OK, I will try. Thank you that will be nice. The way it was approached yesterday was hard. It's not for us for the community.

Councilman Karjola- You get to keep the decorated room that you worked hard on. Lack of office space upstairs. The Judge needs desk. We have room for you, let's get ADA worked out. If we can't get ADA requirements then we will get a building. We will get the library up. We know it's difficult to see this right now. I am on your side. I have to obey the law and have a Town to run too. This is not a stop or eviction. We can get this to work. Even if it's not the basement we will get you opened up somewhere

Naomi Perry- No one asked me if we had bathroom or ADA, I need communication.

Councilman Meli- Have water issues and we need to make a plan, I will get with you and we will work it out. The Chief and I will make a plan. I will get you my number and get with you to help tomorrow.

Naomi Perry- Ok, great. I am willing to do whatever it takes.

Mary Edwards, resident, 33 East Dutch, Stockton, Utah - Why not move Police Department downstairs and library upstairs?

Councilman Karjola- If I'm Mayor I need an office upstairs. You are bringing solutions. I don't want to hover and need an office.

Mary Edwards- It's an alternative, and I have another issue, are you are voting for Mayor?

Councilman Karjola- I will be down there being interviewed. I won't abstain, I will vote.

Attorney Mark Bell- It is permissible for all Council to vote.

Councilman Karjola-I was elected to make these decisions.

Mary Edwards- I understand that. If it was me or my family I would abstain from the vote. If you vote it's not fair.

Councilwoman Nash- All people have to agree.

Attorney Mark Bell- In this scenario two to one would work.

Mary Edwards- My thoughts is you shouldn't be voting and it would be best you abstain.

Councilman Karjola- It's our job too.

Attorney Mark Bell- 2 to 1. There is an exception to the rule. If one of you substain, a vote would carry.

Marlene Thomas, resident, 28 South Sheridan, Stockton, Utah- Does she need to get the books out of the basement? Are you rescinding that?

Naomi Perry- You guys said this morning I had to move books.

Councilman Karjola- No it was just to move books around. Not get everything out of the building.

Marlene Thomas- Books can stay then?

Councilman Karjola- Absolutely.

Kendall Thomas- resident, 28 South Sheridan, Stockton, Utah-I was on the Town Board with you guys. I'm offended throwing Mayor Whitney under the bus saying he moved forward without you all not knowing what's going on. You guys didn't know she was building a library?

Councilman Karjola- Yes, we did Kendall.

Kendall Thomas- You never brought it up in a meeting, I sat there.

Councilman Karjola- We spoke up Kendall, and Mayor Whitney ignored it.

Kendall Thomas- You never brought it up in a meeting because I sat in those meetings. Its not Naomi's fault that the two of you sat there zip lipped and didn't say anything.

Councilman Karjola- We did speak up.

4. Councilman Karjola-

Motion to have Councilwoman Bori lead interviews and discussion

Councilman Meli

Second: Councilwoman Nash

All in favor

Unanimous Approval

Councilwoman Bori- We have three candidates. There is Councilman Karjola, David Nutzman and Joe Johnston. We have questions to ask. Councilman Karjola was not involved in the selection of these question. We are going to alternate questions from first chair to third chair. There will be two minutes available to each candidate per question.

Council ready? Unanimous Approval.

QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATIONS FOR STOCKTON MAYOR

Councilwoman Bori-

1. Why do you want to be Mayor and what are your qualifications?

Councilman Karjola- This spot opened up when Mayor Whitney resigned and after getting to know you guys these last few months it made me want to take charge of this team. Qualification's wise I am up to speed on all the issues, and ready to hit the ground running.

David Nutzman- I would first like to say we can help Naomi with the library. I believe the Town will face some major issues over the next 5-10 years. I would like to be a part of the decision making. I don't want to just lead I want to be a part of the team. I have run my own business, know budgets, accounting and can be a member of the team.

Joe Johnston- I didn't think I wanted to be Mayor. I was thinking maybe 2020. Now the opportunity exists and I'd like to take the chance. I am a lead out in West Desert with over \$500,000 in annual labor costs and Chairman on Stockton Planning Commission. Sometimes people don't like our decisions, however, we need to abide with the ordinances, zoning, and resolutions that are in place.

Councilman Meli - Asked for time to review and analyze answers to question before asking the next question.

Councilwoman Bori-

2. Since the election was so recent, why didn't you run for Mayor against the incumbent?

David Nutzman-Had the election occurred 3-4 months later I would have. I had made up my mind I would in the next election. I should have run and this is now an opportunity to correct a mistake.

Joe Johnston- I was running for Town Council at the time. That's why I didn't run for Mayor.

Councilman Karjola- Already on Council and at the time, I don't have high political aspirations; here to serve the community. Thought I could make decision later when I had more experience under my belt. When the seat became vacant then I realized there is not a lot of people interested in the role right now. We have work to do and it needs to get done now.

Councilwoman Bori-

3. What do you believe the three major concerns that the Town currently faces and what would you do to alleviate or eliminate these issues?

Joe Johnston- Every Planning Commission meeting we've had annexation come up. So annexation, growth....people are going to start coming out. Within 15-20 years it will change... Infrastructure....needs to be prioritized and taken care of. Budget/accounting-watch our finances. We need to watch and make sure we are protected.

Councilman Karjola- Biggest concern-revenue or lack thereof. Water system needs to be taken care of. Growth, we all love our small Town, we need to come together and decide if we annexation. Revenue-stayed the same for many years while cost of business goes up. Need to figure a way to get more revenue. Need more businesses, generate more sales tax and the water system.

David Nutzman-Annexation and our water system. Infrastructure including roads. Water system is failing. Lots of issues. Lots of leaks, chase back and get issue fixed. Rate hikes to cover repair. Control roads, control runoff water to protect roads. Damaging water system. Water leads back to annexation. Firm believer that Town should decide if we want to grow. Funding-I don't know status. Need revenue. Providing critical services come first.

Councilwoman Bori-

4. Do you believe the sand filtration system used for the treatment of culinary water is adequate and if not what would you do to improve or replace the system?

Councilman Karjola- We had a study done last year on the status of our current system and possible solutions. No electricity, doesn't work with heavy silth. Intake is susceptible to mudslides. Well is expensive to run. Study recommended well at sod farm. Cheapest option but don't know if it's right option. If developer's help with price it could be done.

David Nutzman- It works, yes. It's it adequate, I don't have expertise. It's being addressed at this meeting so it must be important. Taking funding into consideration. Can we do a fast sand, add a cell, and use smaller screens. Need grant money or loan to upgrade current system. I know there is different option. We need to find something that works into our budget.

Joe Johnston- Was it two to three years ago that we went and helped shovel sand? Ever since I moved to Utah, I've gone up to the water plant twice. Surface water goes into road. Water and mud make concrete. Sand plant needs to go away, need a deep well. How do we go about doing that? It's going to cost money. We need to look at this and make it one of the top three priorities in Town.

Councilwoman Bori-

5. Are you capable and prepared to make unpopular decisions that are in the best interest of the Town even though your neighbors and friends are not in agreement?

David Nutzman- I'm a retired police officer. I'm capable of making unpopular decisions. I like to think I do what's best for the Town and its citizens. There is no decision you can make to make everyone happy.

Joe Johnston- Capable, yes; prepared, never. Every day when I come home from work there is something going on in our Town. It takes steel guts. My brother is dying in Kentucky right now. I am dedicated to make these decisions that are for the people. You can't please all the people all the time. We can provide answers and not back pedal.

Councilman Karjola- I think we all are. We are in the wrong room if we aren't. Everyone is different, going to have different options. We can disagree. If I'm making a decision that is right even if they agree with it, it is okay. As long as you do the right thing for the right reasons you can lay your head down to sleep at night.

Councilwoman Bori-

6. How do you plan on communicating with the residents of Town, your staff and counsel?

Joe Johnston- I've been here long enough to see there is separation in the Town. Communication in the Town is a challenge. You have to commutate to get that info. I need to meet the staff and get to know them. Town Council needs to be on the same page. We all have to work together. We need to overcome animosity. We need to protect the Town and its people.

Councilman Karjola- In person, phone, email, Facebook. I talk to a lot of people in Town through facebook. Text and email to communicate. Email and by phone when you can't.

David Nutzman- I'm out and about quite a bit. I visit people often. I don't go to the store often. But I can have coffee, pump gas. Help people down at the store. I help with snow removal and meet people that way. First thing I will do is help, I've never seen a Mayor do. I will get down and help. With office and Town council, I will communicate. I won't micro manage people and there is a difference.

Councilwoman Bori-

This section is over... Please ask any questions.

Councilwoman Bori- Meeting will be turned over to Councilman Karjola

PUBLIC QUESTIONS FOR APPLICATION FOR STOCKTON MAYOR

Alicia Unruh, resident, 380 West Walk Street, Stockton, Utah - Can we ask questions?

Councilman Karjola and Councilwoman Bori-yes

Alicia Unruh- I am Alicia Unruh. You are dealing with people and I would like to know the people that you've worked with what is your biggest strength and weakness in the workplace?

Joe Johnston-procrastination is my weakness.

David Nutzman- problem solver is my strength. Spent years solving problems. Try to think outside the box. Weakness is impatience. I act quickly. I need others to keep up. I don't like to let problems sit. Problems have solutions.

Councilman Karjola-taking input from people around me before making decisions. Listen to my guys to make decisions. Nervous at public speaking not a good trait for this job.

Jay Carly, resident – 95 North New Saddle, Stockton, Utah- Budgeting time? To you three individuals, I know one has a business of your own, maybe one retired. What time can you guys spend on the job?

Councilman Karjola- I have time dedicate fulltime to this job. My kids are older that I can plan on being up here full time.

David Nutzman- I'm the business owner you spoke of. I work early morning till early afternoon. I would be available any time after. I will work my normal and just change my hours. I would be able to offer my time. We have the team to run the Town. Mayor is the oversight. And things can be done. We should follow people who know best and not the Mayor always.

Joe Johnston- I couldn't stay eight hours a day. I know it's a part-time position. I work fulltime and wouldn't be able to answer at certain times. Otherwise I always have my phone on. Prioritizing issues when I can at the time. I will leave work and take care of issue.

Jill McAfee- resident – 345 West Bronco, Stockton, Utah - I think all three are decent candidates. Great people all different viewpoints and I appreciate everyone.

Councilwoman Bori- I would like to thank everyone. I got to go with my gut feeling.

Councilwoman Nash- Wish I had more time to talk to people in the Town so I can see what the Town thinks.

Councilman Meli- I've lost sleep over this over this. I've had people tell me who to pick. I appreciate the questions. I came up with a matrix on how to score this. At the conclusion of the questions, it was a three way tie. With the questions the public asked I was able to break the tie and I came up with someone. You all did well. I rated questions. If you went first you got an extra point.

Councilman Karjola- If we are ready, I entertain a motion to vote for appointment.

Councilwoman Bori- I second that motion.

Roll Call Vote

Councilman Meli- Dave Nutzman
Councilwoman Nash- Councilman Karjola
Councilwoman Bori-Councilman Karjola
Councilman Karjola- Councilman Karjola

Justin Huffman- It's nice to see all the seats filled. It's nice to see so many come and try to be a part of the solution. Come get your facts here.

Judge Ronald Powell swears in new Mayor Thomas Karjola. Oath of office is read.

Congratulations are given.

Oath of office signed.

Adjourn at 8:20pm

Motion to Adjourn-Mayor Karjola
Seconded-Councilwoman Bori
Unanimous Approval
Motion Passed



THOMAS KARJOLA
Mayor
Town of Stockton



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Town of Stockton

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