

THE RAYMORE COUNCIL MET IN SPECIAL SESSION MONDAY JUNE 28, 2021 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 100 MUNICIPAL CIRCLE, RAYMORE, MISSOURI. MEMBERS PRESENT VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING: MAYOR TURNBOW AND COUNCILMEMBER BURKE, III. MEMBERS PRESENT IN PERSON: COUNCILMEMBERS ABDELGAWAD, BARBER, BERENDZEN, CIRCO, HOLMAN, AND TOWNSEND, CITY MANAGER JIM FEUERBORN, ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER MIKE EKEY, CITY CLERK ERICA HILL, AND CITY ATTORNEY JONATHAN ZERR.

- 1. Call To Order.** Presiding Officer Townsend called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call.** City Clerk Erica Hill called roll; quorum present to conduct business.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. Public Meeting - Interview and Selection of Individual to Fill Ward 1 Vacancy**

Presiding Officer Townsend announced there is a Council vacancy in Ward 1 due to the resignation of Dale Jacobson. The procedure for filling a City Council vacancy is outlined in City Code Section 110.145. The 14-day period for taking applications for the vacant Ward 1 position expired on June 17, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. There were three applications filed for the vacancy: Sue Hofmann, Brian Mills, and Victoria Scherzer. This meeting is to allow the Council to interview all applicants and receive information from citizens who would be eligible to vote for them if they were running for election. If the Council determines that a qualified candidate has been determined at this meeting, an appointment will be made so that the new member may participate in consideration of business at the July 12, 2021 regular City Council meeting. If the Council finds that no qualified person has applied, the process may be repeated until a qualified applicant has been appointed.

Presiding Officer Townsend advised the Council of the procedures for the interview process and stated that he will read the interview questions (attached to these minutes).

The candidates introduced themselves and provided a brief history of their background and experience.

Presiding Officer Townsend asked each candidate the interview questions in random order.

Closing statements were heard from each applicant.

Councilmembers asked additional questions of the candidates.

DISCUSSION: Councilmembers thanked the candidates for their time and interest in serving the City.

5. Input from Ward 1 citizens eligible to vote for the applicants if the applicants were running for election.

No public input was heard.

6. Selection of Candidate.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber that the vacant Council seat from Ward 1 be filled by the person receiving at least 4 votes, as between the following three applicants: Sue Hofmann, Brian Mills, and Victoria Scherzer, and that the City Clerk allow votes to be taken by roll call, reciting the name of the applicant of their choice.

Motion withdrawn by Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber.

The Council recessed at 8:23 p.m. and reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber that the vacant Council seat from Ward 1 be filled by the person receiving at least 4 votes, as between the following three applicants: Sue Hofmann, Brian Mills, and Victoria Scherzer, and that the City Clerk allow votes to be taken by roll call, with Councilmembers reciting the name of the applicant of their choice.

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted a roll call vote of each Councilmember for a candidate to fill the Ward 1 vacancy.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Scherzer
	Councilmember Barber	Scherzer
	Councilmember Berendzen	Scherzer
	Councilmember Burke	Scherzer
	Councilmember Circo	Mills
	Councilmember Holman	Scherzer
	Councilmember Townsend	Scherzer

By majority vote, Victoria Scherzer was appointed to fill the Ward 1 vacancy.

7. Approval of Appointment.

RESOLUTION 21-21: "A RESOLUTION OF THE RAYMORE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTING VICTORIA SCHERZER TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF THE VACANT CITY COUNCIL SEAT IN WARD ONE."

City Clerk Erica Hill conducted the reading of Resolution 21-21 by title only.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to approve the reading of Resolution 21-21 by title only.

DISCUSSION: None

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

Councilmember Townsend thanked the candidates for their willingness to serve on the Council.

8. Adjournment.

MOTION: By Councilmember Holman, second by Councilmember Barber to adjourn.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	Councilmember Abdelgawad	Aye
	Councilmember Barber	Aye
	Councilmember Berendzen	Aye
	Councilmember Burke	Aye
	Councilmember Circo	Aye
	Councilmember Holman	Aye
	Councilmember Townsend	Aye

The special meeting of the Raymore Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Erica Hill
City Clerk

3 minutes for each candidate for introduction.

Questions: 3 minutes for each candidate to answer

1. What experiences have you had as a citizen of Raymore that have motivated you to file your candidacy for the position of Councilmember?
2. In what capacities, if any, are you currently involved as a citizen of Raymore? (e.g. HOA, Festivals, Youth education and/ recreation, adult civic/ community organizations, etc.)
3. What do you see as your role and the role of the City Council?
4. What do you hope to accomplish in the next nine months and how do you want to go about it?
5. The City of Raymore's Vision Statement is: "Dedicated to being a quality community in which to live, work, and play." How will you help the City become better in all three categories?
6. After much discussion, the council votes on a particularly thorny topic and one that you feel passionate about. The vote goes against your position on the topic. What do you do?
7. Is there a city problem that you think has gone unaddressed? If so, what is the problem and, if appointed, how would you address the problem?
8. If you are appointed to fill this vacancy, would your intent be to become a candidate for election to a one-year term as Councilmember, effective April 2022? If on the other hand you are not appointed to this vacancy would you want to serve as an appointed volunteer member of one of the city boards, committees, or commissions and if so which one?

[Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Planning and Zoning Commission, Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners, TIF Commission]

3 minutes for closing remarks.