

**Mayor Sandie Peterson called the special council meeting to order on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Lafayette Community Center.** Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich and Curt Tauber, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, and Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger.

**Guests present:**

Lee Zion – Ledger

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Mayor Peterson explained the reason for calling the special meeting was to approve hiring of a custodian to the city offices, community center and fire hall. Burger explained that after advertising and posters, three applications were submitted, she and Fox interviewed two applicants, a third had cancelled. Both she and Fox first choice was Joni Blekestad, the reference was very positive. There was some conversation one point was starting wage, council had previously approved weekend plant employees to start at \$15.00 per hour, but this custodian position had not changed. Peterson explained that they are all classified as Temporary employees based on the personnel policy definitions. The other applicant, was Stuart Hartley. With no further discussion Portner motioned to accept hiring Joni Blekestad at \$15 starting wage, Polich seconded, all ayes, motion carried. Peterson requested that council be given an update on how the employee is doing after a few months.

***Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm, all ayes, motion carried.***

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Lafayette Community Center at 7:00 pm.

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Sandie Peterson – Mayor

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Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer

**Mayor Sandie Peterson called the special council meeting to order on Monday, April 26, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Lafayette Community Center.** Present were: Mayor Sandie Peterson, Councilors: Dave Reed, Scott Portner, Tom Polich and Curt Tauber, Utility & Maintenance Superintendent Al Fox, and Clerk/Treasurer Sandy Burger.

**Guests present:**

None

**Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

Mayor Peterson called the special meeting due to the fact that the person approved last week at the 4/19/2021 special meeting did not accept the position. There was much discussion and the consensus of the council was to try different advertising by using the Winthrop paper, Facebook and the Journal classified, to simplify the wording and for Burger and Fox to interview applicants and bring a recommendation to the June council meeting. ***There was a motion by Polich to advertise in the Winthrop and Journal papers and Facebook, the cutoff date to be determined by staff and to bring recommendations to the June council meeting, Portner seconded, all ayes, motion carried.***

***Motioned by Portner and seconded by Tauber to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 pm, all ayes, motion carried.***

The next Council meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at the Lafayette Community Center at 7:00 pm.

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Sandie Peterson – Mayor

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Sandy Burger – City Clerk- Treasurer