

**LARAMIE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Selection of City Attorney
August 19, 2016**

Public Hearing was called to order by Mayor Paulekas at 6:00 p.m.

City Council present: Klaus Hanson, Vicki Henry, Bryan Shuster, Andi Summerville, Jayne Pearce, and Dave Paulekas. Absent: Joe Shumway, Joe Vitale, and Paul Weaver.

The Assistant City Manager read the notice:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the Laramie City Council will be held Friday, August 19, 2016, 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers of City Hall, 406 Ivinson Street, for the following purposes:

1. Public Comments regarding City Attorney selection.
2. Recess to Executive Session regarding personnel.
3. Consideration to direct City Attorney to enter into contractual negotiations with selectee for position of City Attorney
4. Adjournment.

1. Public Comments regarding City Attorney selection.

Mayor Paulekas asked if there are any public comments.

Tim Hale, Wanted the vacation schedule for the attorney, as it has been an issue with the current attorney. The duties should be spelled out. He wanted a candidate with long time standing within this community which would imply there is a wide range of experience within this county. He cautioned against hiring someone from a partnership, because of a conflict of interest with his former law firm.

Fred Ockers, 2724 Leslie Ct., supported Tony Lopez, stating that he would provide sound, researched council on legal matters required by the City of Laramie. He is a former municipal judge, assistant county attorney, and as a practicing private attorney would all bode well as the City Attorney. He has roots in the community, and would bring needed stability to the position.

2. Recess to Executive Session regarding personnel.

MOTION BY PEARCE, seconded by Summerville, that Council recess to Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Council recessed to Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

Council reconvened from Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

3. Consideration to direct City Attorney to enter into contractual negotiations with selectee for position of City Attorney

MOTION BY PEARCE, seconded by Summerville, that Council enter into contractual negotiations with Robert W. Southard for position of City Attorney

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Roll call showed Aye: Hanson, Henry, Summerville, Pearce, and Paulekas. Nay: Shuster. Absent: Shumway, Vitale, and Weaver. MOTION CARRIED.

4. Adjournment.

MOTION BY HANSON, seconded by Pearce, that Council adjourn.

MOTION CARRIED by voice vote.

Public Hearing was closed at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Angie Johnson
City Clerk