

City of Falmouth  
Special Council Meeting Minutes  
September 5, 2017

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Falmouth City Council met in Special Session at 7:30 pm on September 5, 2017 with Council Member Sebastian Ernst presiding. Council Members present: Amy Hurst, Ron Stinson, Alex Carson, April DeFalco, and Amy Hitch.

With a quorum present the meeting was called to order. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer by Council Member Hurst.

SPECIAL MEETING

Acting in an Emergency – Discussion of Emergency Action or Bidding Process to be taken in regards to the Pumps for the Water and/or Waste Water Plant

The city is faced with an emergency situation regarding pumps that handle the water and waste water. Interim Water/Wastewater Supervisor Travis Lonaker explained the situation with the pumps that he had submitted 2 separate purchase orders that were more than \$20,000 each. He explained how the pumps have been a problem for years and he has been piecing together and can no longer do that. He expressed how he felt this was an emergency situation and the city needed to address immediately. One Purchase Order was preapproved by the recently impeached Mayor Hinson. With this prior approval the part had already been ordered and was on its way. However, newly appointed acting Mayor Sebastian Ernst questioned the purchase orders and asked how we should properly proceed and authorize these purchases. After lengthy discussion with the City Attorney and listening to the procurement policy the city voted to declare the already ordered pump an emergency. Council also decided to comply with the proper bidding requirements on the other needed pump and run a legal ad in the Outlook for the minimum of 7 days.

- Motion to advertise the legal ad for the bid for the pump at Bonar Station was made by Council Member Ernst and seconded by Council Member DeFalco. All Aye.

Council formally declared it an emergency on the pump already ordered.

A motion to recommend that it is ok for Travis to declare an emergency was made by Council Member Carson. Second by Council Member Stinson. All Aye.

Discussion and possible appointment of the Mayor – With review of Letter of Intent received

- Motion to run an ad in paper seeking interest in the Mayor position, with responses to include letter of intent, qualifications, resume and/or any pertinent information that will help council with the appointment of a new Mayor. The Mayoral candidate deadline will be at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017; and council will hold a

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special meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017 for the appointment by Council Member DeFalco with a second by Council Member Stinson. All Aye.

- Motion to table Agenda Items #3-5, until a Mayor has been appointed by Council Member Carson and seconded by Council Member Hitch. All Aye.

With no further business to come before the Council a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Alex Carson with a second by Council Member Amy Hitch. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sebastian Ernst

Chriissy O'Hara  
Attest: Chriissy O'Hara, City Clerk