

May 18, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting

MINOT CITY COUNCIL – SCHEDULED MEETING – MAY 18, 2020 AT 12:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Sipma, Straight, Wolsky

Members Absent:

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Sipma presiding and led the City Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Sipma stated the next item on the agenda would be an executive session. The topic of this executive session is City Manager Contract: Pending Predictable Litigation - Attorney Consultation and Discussion of Potential Litigation Strategy and/or Guidance for Negotiation Strategy/Instructions. The legal authority for closing this portion of the meeting is Pursuant to Authority of N.D.C.C. 44-04-17.1, 19.1, and 19.2. The topic or purpose of this executive session is to seek and receive legal advice relating to the contract.

The Mayor stated, at this time, a motion would be needed in order to discuss the next topic in executive session rather than in an open meeting.

Whereupon, Alderman Jantzer moved the City Council move to an executive session. Motion seconded by Alderman Olson, and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Sipma, Straight, Wolsky; nays: none

The Mayor then stated the executive session will be recorded and all members of the governing body are reminded to limit their discussion during the executive session to the announced topic. Any collective decision, collective commitment, or other final action by the governing body must occur after it reconvenes in an open meeting, unless final action is specifically required by law to be taken during the executive session. The prohibition on taking final action during the executive session did not apply to providing guidance or instructions to our attorney or negotiator.

Mayor Sipma asked the members of the public attending the meeting to leave the room. He stated, the Council anticipated adjourning the executive session, and reconvening the open portion of the meeting at approximately 1:00 pm.

The executive session began at 12:02 pm and was attended by all members of the City Council, as well as the Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, HR Director, Finance Director/Acting City Manager, Communications Specialist, and Attorney Randall Bakke (via telephone).

At 1:24 pm, Alderman Pitner moved the City Council adjourn the executive session and return to the regular City Council meeting. Motion seconded by Alderman Straight and carried by the following roll call vote: ayes: Jantzer, Olson, Pitner, Podrygula, Sipma, Straight, Wolsky; nays: none.

The public was invited to return to the meeting room with the City Council meeting back in session.

DISCUSSION ON CITY MANAGER TOM BARRY'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT

The Mayor announced to the public that no final determination was taken during the Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Wolsky moved the City Council meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by Alderman Pitner and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

ATTEST: _____
Kelly Matalka, City Clerk

APPROVED: _____
Shaun Sipma, Mayor