

**Clearwater City Council
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Clearwater City Council Chamber
February 17th, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Edmonson called the special council meeting of February 17th, 2015 to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone joined in the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

- Present: Mayor Edmonson, Council Members Ranum, Crandall, Lange and Ritzer.
 - Absent: None
 - Staff present: Deputy Clerk, Deb Petty
 - Public Present: Vern Scott, 530 Bluff and Rich Petty, 1370 Sunrise Court
 - Others Present: Ken Francis – Clearwater Tribune, Kevin Kress – Interview Finalist
- A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION by Lange, seconded by Ritzer, to approve the agenda as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.**

APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

**MOTION by Ritzer, seconded by Lange, to approve the accounts payable as submitted.
Motion carried unanimously.**

INTERVIEW FINALIST

Finalist Kevin Kress was present for a short question and answer period with council. Kevin Kress is the top candidate for the City Administrator in Training Position; he holds a dual B.A. degree in Public Administration/Policy Analysis and Political Science from the University of Wisconsin. He is presently working as Village Office Supervisor/Treasurer/Deputy Clerk for the City of Luck Wisconsin.

**MOTION by Lange, seconded by Ranum, to offer Kevin Kress the position of “City Administrator in Training” at a starting wage of \$42,000/year, with a start date of approximately 3-17-15. Upon completion of the 3-month training/probationary period he would be elevated to \$60,000/year and appointed to City Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer, benefits as per the City Personnel Policy.
Voting Aye: Edmonson, Lange and Ritzer. Voting Nye: Crandall and Ranum. Passed 3-2.**

REVISED GROWTH INCENTIVE PROGRAM

Councilor Ritzer questioned the difference in this program from the Incentive Program currently in place. The new program would include developers and spec homes which was not eligible in the current incentive program. Mayor Edmonson was looking for consensus from the council on whether they were interested in this program so all involved could move forward. Council would like more information on the program. This will be added to the March 2nd agenda.

OTHER

Next Meeting

The next Meeting is Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM

ADJOURN

MOTION by Crandall, seconded by Ranum, to adjourn the council meeting, at 8:02 p.m.

Motion Carried unanimously.

Deb Petty, Deputy City Clerk

Pete Edmonson, Mayor

Date Approved