

Mayor Lee Webster called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council Members present were Dan Smith and Art Smyth. Council Members Kris Dawson, Dave Freels and John Scheller were absent. Also present were Public Works Director JD Smith, City Clerk Misty Ruiz, Police Chief Ron Oules and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson.

Mayor Webster announced to the members of Council, City Staff and general public who were present that he has received three council member resignations. Dave Freels called him at 8:48am on Sunday, October 7th, to state that he was resigning from his position on the City Council. Kris Dawson and John Scheller contacted the Mayor later that same day via text message stating that they were both resigning from their positions on the City Council. As of tonight, only two resignation letters have been received; one from Kris Dawson via mail, the other from John Scheller via email.

Quad City Herald reporter Jennifer Marshall asked how the City will go about replacing the three vacancies on the Council. Mayor Webster reviewed the procedure for those who wish to apply, noting that the two remaining council members would appoint the third, those three would then appoint the fourth, and those four would appoint the fifth. In the event of a tie, the Mayor would break the tie vote. Webster also noted that if we do not have at least a third council member appointed within 60 days, the County would then fill the position if no one has been appointed.

Mayor Webster stated that due to these recent events, the meeting tonight cannot be held due to the fact that we only have two Council Members present. The discussion tonight will be informal, with department updates and general discussion.

ADDITIONS/CHANGES & APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Agenda not approved due to lack of a quorum.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

September minutes not approved due to lack of a quorum.

PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE APPROVAL:

Reviewed and not approved due to lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Many members of the public were present. Some presented with questions regarding the Police Department, Public Works and the newly vacant Council positions.

MAYOR WEBSTER:

ACTION LIST FOLLOW UP:

The action item list from the September Council meeting was not reviewed due to lack of a quorum.

MISTY RUIZ – CITY CLERK TREASURER:

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT:

Clerk Ruiz reviewed the financial report.

JD SMITH – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Public Works Director Smith stated his crews have been working on various projects, including the River Trail clean up and winterizing.

He also noted that there are three source meters that will need to be replaced, but this will be discussed at the next Council.

AIRPORT UPDATE:

The crack seal and striping project has been completed at the Airport as of 6 pm today.

POLICE CHIEF RON OULES:

STATS AND UPDATES:

Police Chief Ron Oules stated that the stats, when compared to this time last year, still show a 21% increase in calls.

Overtime is high again, again due to staffing issues.

ADJOURNMENT:

With there being no further business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Mayor Lee Webster

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Treasurer, Misty Ruiz