

City of Crittenden
Special Council Meeting
Crittenden City Meeting
May 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Council for the City of Crittenden met for its special meeting with the following present:

Mayor Camilla “Kay” Patton; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman- Humphrey; Councilperson Paula Lowery; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo; Councilperson Joseph Dusing; Councilperson Danny Martin; City Attorney Alex Edmondson; Grant County Sheriff Deputy Todd Cummins; Dry Ridge Mayor Greg Brockman & Grant County Judge Executive Chuck Dills . Guest: See sign in sheet which is attached to the minutes.

Mayor Patton called the special meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

This special meeting was called by council (see attachment). This is only for the purpose of discussing of hiring a city attorney and salary for the city council.

Councilperson Joseph Dusing was the spokesperson but said he cannot take credit for calling this special meeting. Five council signatures on tonight agenda. Feeling among council members are strong and are unchangeable at this time and it’s the right of council to hire an attorney for an indefinitely time. Then the 2nd item is to form a salary for the attorney.

Mayor Patton suggested for the council not to hire a city attorney since it will cost the city tax payers additional money. Mayor Patton again informed council that it was Chris Johnson recommendation for the council not to be able to contact Kentucky League of Cities. Mayor Patton suggested that council give Mr. Edmondson a chance before the council hire an attorney.

Councilperson Earlene Stumbo said she hasn’t spoken to any council member regarding the hiring of a city attorney for the council. Councilperson Stumbo stated she is not for spending money for hiring another attorney when we have a new attorney. Councilperson Stumbo feels council should give Mr. Edmondson a chance. Councilperson Danny Martin asked Councilperson Stumbo if anyone tried to contact her and Councilperson Stumbo said yes twice by Councilperson Dusing at her shop.

Mr. Fred Spanier said he feels like a separate attorney for the council is a waste of tax payers’ dollars.

Thomas Taylor a resident asked why does council need to hire another attorney if the city has hired Attorney Alex Edmondson.

Councilperson Jennifer Thurman Humphrey said the attorney will be the mediator between the council and the mayor. Councilperson Humphrey feels like council does not have a voice. Councilperson Humphrey wants the citizen’s blessings for a short term attorney for the council.

Motion by Councilperson Paula Lowery, seconded by Councilperson Todd Roberts to hire an attorney for the council. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo – no; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman-Humphrey –yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Danny Martin, seconded by Councilperson Paula Lowery to pay \$650.00 per month for an attorney for the council. The vote was: Councilperson Danny Martin –yes; Councilperson Paula Lowery – yes; Councilperson Earlene Stumbo – no; Councilperson Joseph Dusing –yes; Councilperson Jennifer Thurman-Humphrey –yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Councilperson Earlene Stumbo, seconded by Councilperson Danny Martin to adjourn to next regular meeting June 4, 2019. Motion carried, all yes.

Camilla “Kay” Patton
Mayor

Donna Duley
Assistant Clerk