

City of Reedsburg Special Meeting of the Common Council  
February 24, 2016

Present: Mayor Estes, Alderpersons Dave Knudsen, Jim Heuer, Phil Peterson, Calvin Craker, Brandt Werner, Megan Cowan, Jason Schulte, David Moon, Bill Finnegan.

Others: Tim Becker, Press.

Mayor Estes called the special session of the Common Council to order at 6:00pm in the Common Council Chambers.

**Moved by Heuer, seconded by Schulte to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(b)(c) and (f), for the purpose of discussing dismissal, demotion or discipline of a public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the possibility of taking of formal action on such matter; and to consider employment and disciplinary data or the preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person involved in such problems. It is not anticipated that the Common Council will engage in an evidentiary hearing prior to the taking of any final action. And per Wis. Stat.19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. And per Wis. Stat.19.85(1)(g), conferring with legal counsel for the government body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. All related to Ken Witt and the positions of Administrator, Clerk and Treasurer. Motion carried, 9-0.**

Closed session discussion occurred here.

**Moved by Heuer, seconded by Werner to return to open session, Motion carried 9-0.**

**Moved by Heuer, seconded by Finnegan to approve the Ken Witt Resignation Agreement & Release of Claims and Severance Agreement and Waiver and Release of Claims both effective March 1, 2016, as discussed in closed session. Motioned carried, 8-1 (Craker dissent).**

**Moved by Werner, seconded by Peterson that effective today, terminate Ken Witt as Clerk/Treasurer, and appoint Julie Strutz as interim Clerk/Treasurer to act in such a capacity to September 1, 2016. Duties and compensation to be determined by Mayor and Personnel Committee subject to Common Council approval. Motion carried, 9-0.**

**Moved by Craker, seconded by Moon to adjourn. Motioned carried, 9-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Becker  
City Staff