



SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

1777 N Meadowlark Dr, Apple Valley
Thursday, April 04, 2024 at 6:00 PM

MINUTES

Mayor | Michael Farrar |

Council Members | Kevin Sair | Robin Whitmore | Janet Prentice |

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Farrar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRAYER- Prayer offered by Council Member Prentice.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Mayor Michael Farrar

Council Member Kevin Sair

Council Member Janet Prentice

Council Member Whitmore

DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

Council Member Sair mentioned to residents to help out and pick up tumbleweeds if possible.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION

1. Vote to fill vacancy per UCA 20A-1-510 Midterm vacancies in municipal offices.

*Note as of April 3, 2024 at 4:57 PM Barratt Eric Nielson has removed his application.

The town council discussed filling a vacancy in a local municipality office with three candidates. Each candidate was called up one at a time to introduce themselves and speak if they wished.

The candidate, Walter E. Josey a long-term resident of Apple Valley, mentioned that they had run for mayor in the previous two elections, highlighting their qualifications and experience. He expressed readiness to serve on the council and thanked the council members. No questions were asked by the council members, and they thanked the candidate for their input.

Margaret "Margie" Ososki, one of the candidates, thanked the other two candidates for running, acknowledging the difficulty of getting involved in such endeavors. She praised Annie Spendlove's agricultural background and Walter Josey's engineering expertise, stating that both candidates had good ideas. Margie expressed her own commitment to thorough research, highlighting her experience working in various fields, including a police department, a doctor's office, and a financial institute, where she learned high-quality standards. She emphasized her dedication to giving 100% to the council if appointed, but also acknowledged that not everyone may appreciate her approach. Margie concluded by thanking the council for the opportunity to apply.



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Susanne “Annie” Spendlove, a recent resident who moved to Apple Valley in 2020, expressed her desire to maintain the town's small and rural character, with agriculture at its core. She highlighted her experience running multiple businesses, including the Hurricane Farmers Market, which involves working closely with government agencies. Annie mentioned that the market would start accepting food stamps in May, showcasing her familiarity with government processes. She emphasized her strong relationships with many residents whom she now considers friends. During the Q&A session, Annie shared that her older children are on Facebook but not her younger ones, and she expressed confidence in their ability to handle any negative attention. The council thanked Annie for her application.

The council proceeded with a ballot vote to fill the vacancy, with each member writing down their choice. It was clarified that a second vote would only be necessary in the event of a tie. After the votes were cast and counted, it was announced by Town Clerk/Recorder Jenna Vizcardo that Susanne “Annie” Spendlove had won the vote. She was then given the oath of office.

2. Resolution-R-2024-11, A Resolution Amending the Town Fee Schedule.

*Tabled from March 27, 2024.

Mayor Farrar discussed the proposal to raise the short-term rental application permit fee to \$1,000 was mentioned. The reasoning behind the proposed increase was the additional work and cost involved in enforcing short-term rental regulations, as well as the strain on neighborhoods from rental activities. Mayor Farrar mentioned receiving complaints about short-term rentals exceeding the allowed limit and causing disturbances. The fee increase was also intended to cover the cost of fire inspections included in the permit. Concerns were raised by resident Walter Josey, who argued that the fee increase would harm local businesses and cited personal experiences with cancellations due to price competitiveness. The council also discussed comparing the fee with those of neighboring towns and clarified that the fee increase was driven by the additional enforcement work required. The council agreed to table further discussion on the fee increase to gather more information and consider the implications. They then moved on to address a housekeeping matter regarding the special events permit fee, which was being added back to the fee schedule after being inadvertently omitted.

MOTION: Council Member Whitmore motioned that we approve adding the special event prices on our fee schedule with tabling the short term rental license.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Prentice.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a roll call vote:

Council Member Spendlove - Aye

Council Member Sair - Aye

Mayor Farrar - Aye

Council Member Prentice - Aye



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The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

3. Resolution-R-2024-13, Repeal Resolution-R-2022-05.

*Tabled on March 27, 2024.

Mayor Farrar explained that Frank Lindhardt has submitted his resignation from his position, citing a desire to focus on his family. The mayor expressed gratitude for Frank's service, acknowledging the challenges he faced and the foundation he laid for the town's progress. He praised his willingness to serve despite criticism.

MOTION: Council Member Whitmore motioned that we repeal Resolution-R-2022-05.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Sair.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a roll call vote:

Council Member Spendlove - Aye
Council Member Sair - Aye
Mayor Farrar - Aye
Council Member Prentice - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

MAYOR'S TOWN UPDATE

4. Appointment of board member from the elected officials for the Big Plains Water Special Service District, Resolution-R-2024-12.

The mayor provided an update on town matters, focusing mainly on the progress of the water pipeline project. He mentioned encountering challenges related to Buy America requirements but assured that they were being addressed. The town is seeking a waiver from Buy America to expedite the process.

Next on the agenda was the appointment of a board member from elected officials for the Big Plains Water Special Service District. It was clarified that the mayor is responsible for choosing this position, and Council Member Sair was appointed to the role.

There was no discussion or interest from other council members regarding the board appointment, and Council Member Sair was appointed without the need for a vote.

REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION: IF NECESSARY

No request.



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ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Prentice motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Council Member Whitmore announced her resignation effective immediately, citing personal reasons. She mentioned bringing in a resignation letter the following day.

The mayor noted that the resigned member also held the treasurer position, which would need to be filled immediately. The council discussed holding a special session, possibly before an upcoming work session, to address the vacancy.

SECOND: The motion was seconded by Council Member Whitmore.

VOTE: Mayor Farrar called for a vote:

Council Member Spendlove - Aye

Council Member Sair - Aye

Mayor Farrar - Aye

Council Member Prentice - Aye

The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Approved BY: _____
Mayor | Michael L. Farrar

Attest BY: _____
Town Clerk/Recorder | Jenna Vizcardo