

Breezy Point City Council
December 20, 2024 – 11:00 a.m.
Special Meeting Minutes

The special meeting of the Breezy Point City Council was called to order by Mayor Angel Zierden at 11:00 a.m. Roll Call was taken by Interim Administrator Bohnsack. Councilmembers present were Rebecca Ball, Steve Jensen, and Michael Moroni. Brad Scott was absent. Staff present included Interim Administrator Jerry Bohnsack, Deputy Clerk Deb Runksmeier, and Police Officer Jay Lorch. All stood for the pledge of allegiance.

Data Breach and Possible Censure

Mayor Zierden explained why she called the meeting about the data breach.

City Attorney Joseph Langel gave an overview on the data dump due to Councilmember Scott forwards all emails from the city account to personal accounts. Noted specific instances of private information that was forwarded to the public. Stated reason of private data that shouldn't be forwarded to public. Four messages with private personal information and one attorney client privilege data.

Mayor Zierden explained censure for a council member. Legal and unethical aspect. Proves malice intent within messages. Council received a copy of examples showing messages from councilmember Scott. Name-calling, Staff untruths, and degrading staff. Recommends Censure of Scott and not able to service on Committee with sensitive nature.

Councilmember Jensen shared how he understood that council committees ended.

Mayor Zierden explained findings from August 2023 on how the city's IT consultant reached Councilmember Scott to address the email issues. He was reprimanded then and still continued his actions.

Councilmember Moroni repeated the fact of forwarding city email messages is not illegal. The issue that concerned him the most was when information was passed along after specifically being told it was not for the public. Personal information and attorney client privilege are the wrongs. Censure of Councilmember Scott is not suggested. Would appreciate Scott to give a formal apology to council and staff for his actions.

Councilmember Ball has the most concern of Scott's illegal actions continuing. Agrees that the city staff should have formally instructed Scott to stop the misconduct but believes that he should have known better.

Councilmember Jensen feels there should be more formal training for council.

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO REQUEST PUBLIC APPOLOGY OF COUNCILMEMBER
BRAD SCOTT TO COUNCIL, STAFF, AND PUBLIC FOR MISCONDUCT, MOTION
CARRIED 4-0

Adjourn

MOTION MORONI/BALL TO ADJOURN, CARRIED 4-0

Meeting ended at 11:37 a.m.

Deb Runksmeier, Deputy City Clerk