



TOWN OF SHADY SHORES
SHADY SHORES TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALLED SESSION
FEBRUARY 19, 2024; 6:00 PM
SHADY SHORES COMMUNITY CENTER
101 S. SHADY SHORES ROAD
SHADY SHORES, TX 76208

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Aughinbaugh called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL

Establish a quorum.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember, Place 5 Charles Grimes, Mayor Pro Tem Tom Newell, Councilmember, Place 2 Mike Nowels, Councilmember Place 4 Bill Emsoff, Councilmember, Place 1 Jeff Belton

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Withers; Town Administrator; Katie Klein, Community Relations Admin; Amber Schuler, Municipal Court Administrator, Jim Shepherd, Town Attorney

Also Present: Kristen Homyk, Peace and Associates PLLC

TOWN ATTORNEY

Mayor Aughinbaugh stated that the discussion on the agenda came from one of the strategies set forth in the Town of Shady Shores strategic plan adopted by the Council last year. This strategy is to review and re-bid town contracts. (Goal 6) A subcommittee of two Council members, Jeff Belton, Charles Grimes, and the Mayor, have started review of contracts and the re-bid process for some contracts. The committee requested proposals for Town Attorney services and received two responses. The Town received two responses and both individuals were present, the current Town Attorney, Jim Sheppard and Kristen Homyk with Peace and Associates PLLC. Their responses and resumes were included in the council packets.

Consider and act on the position of the Town Attorney to include; review of current services, interviews with current and potential candidates for Town Attorney, the appointment or reappointment of a Town Attorney.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, Vernon's Texas Codes Annotated, The Town Council may hold a closed meeting.

1. Section 551.074 - Personnel Matters - (1) to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Town Attorney.

A motion was made by Councilmember, Place 2 Mike Nowels, seconded by Councilmember, Place 1 Jeff Belton; to recess into Executive Session. The motion carried and the Council recessed into executive session at 6:04 pm.

Yes: 5 - Charles Grimes, Tom Newell, Mike Nowels, Bill Emsoff, Jeff Belton

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

A motion was made by Councilmember, Place 1 Charles Grimes, seconded by Councilmember, Place 1 Jeff Belton, to reconvene into Open Session. The motion carried, and the council reconvened into Open Session at 10:15 pm.

Yes: 5 - Charles Grimes, Tom Newell, Mike Nowels, Bill Emsoff, Jeff Belton

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

ACTION REGARDING EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Tom Newell to table this agenda item, seconded by Jeff Belton to table this agenda item. The motion carried.

Yes: 5 - None

No: 0 - None

Recused: 0 - None

Consider and take appropriate action on the appointment of an individual or legal firm to provide legal services for the Town of Shady Shores.

Appropriate action may include the following:

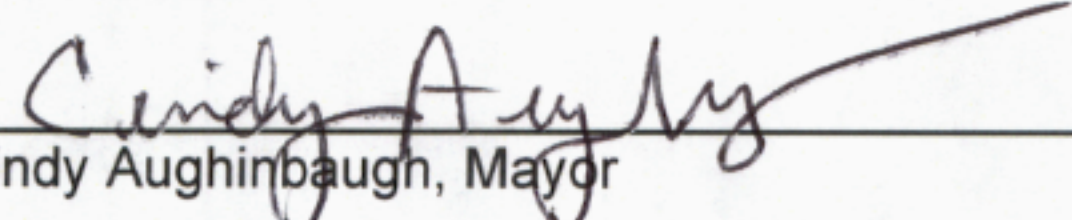
1. Reappointment of the current Town Attorney pending a new contract.
2. Approval of a Resolution to remove the current legal counsel (requires a 2/3 vote of the Town Council)
3. Direct staff to prepare a resolution to appoint new legal counsel
4. Direct the Mayor and or appropriate staff to enter into contract negotiations with a new firm
5. Staff direction relative to timelines, and other administrative tasks.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS THE 21st DAY OF April, 2024.

APPROVED:


Cindy Aughinbaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:


Wendy Withers, Town Administrator/Secretary

