

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
LAPEER CITY COMMISSION**

May 15, 2008

A regular meeting of the Lapeer City Commission was held May 15, 2008 at Lapeer City Hall, 576 Liberty Park, Lapeer, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Sprague
Commissioners Marquardt, Robinet, Farrington, and Bennett.
City Manager Dale Kerbyson

Absent: Commissioner Turkelson (excused – vacation)

ATTORNEY INTERVIEWS

Kohl, Harris, Nolan, McCarthy, Turkelson and Ogden, P.C.

6:03 p.m.: beginning.

Mike Nolan provided an overview of the firm, as well as extensive professional and personal experience. Dennis McCarthy, Bill Ogden, and Tim Turkelson also commented on professional and personal experiences within the area and within the firm. Mr. Nolan advised that he would be the lead attorney and commented on the flat fee credit scenario.

Question and answer discussion was held regarding Charter conflict issues, internal control policies, familiarity with Open Meetings Act, FOIA knowledge, Charter Revision, relationships to City and School boards, accessibility of personnel, knowledge of municipal issues, cost structure, and consistency in representation.

6:53 p.m.: ending.

Discussion was held regarding experience, capability, accessibility, community presence, possible conflict in relation to City boards, and cost structure.

The meeting was recessed from 7:02 p.m. to 7:13 p.m.

C. Bruce Lawrence

7:13 p.m.: beginning.

Bruce Lawrence provided a brief overview of the firm, the intention of maintaining current office location, presence in the City, previous assistance provided to City Attorney Ron Shamblin, and interest in appointment to City Attorney.

Question and answer discussion was held regarding knowledge of municipal issues, past assistance in City litigation, use of outside legal expertise, possibility of additional personnel, cost structure, consistency in representation, FOIA knowledge, and familiarity with Open Meetings Act.

7:48 p.m.: ending.

Discussion was held regarding resources, experience, capability, accessibility, community presence, and cost structure.

The meeting was recessed from 7:53 p.m. to 8:04 p.m.

Plunkett/Cooney

8:05 p.m.: beginning.

Bill Reising provided an overview of the firm, as well as extensive professional and personal experience and cost structure. Ridley Nimmo also commented on professional and personal experiences and that he would be the lead attorney.

Question and answer discussion was held regarding community presence, accessibility of personnel, cost structure, attendance at Commission meetings, consistency in representation, knowledge of municipal issues, and experience.

9:02 p.m.: ending.

Discussion was held regarding experience, capability, accessibility, community presence, and cost structure.

The meeting was recessed from 9:05 p.m. to 9:11 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

MAYOR/COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Discussion was held regarding the advantages and disadvantages of the firms interviewed including: dialog with City staff, consistency of prosecution within the Police Department, community presence, experience, resource capability, accessibility to City staff, cost structures, review of firms not interviewed, and Charter conflict issues.

It was the general consensus of the Commission to have the City Manager provide an outside legal opinion regarding the possibility of issues involving Charter conflict.

ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Robinet. Seconded by Marquardt.

To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

William J. Sprague, Mayor

Donna L. Cronce, CMC City Clerk