

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
April 12, 2010**

The Winnemucca City Council met in special session on Monday, April 12, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall meeting room. Present: Mayor Di An Putnam, Councilmen Richard Stone, Doug Cain, Joyce Sheen and Paige Brooks. Staff present: City Manager Steve West, City Attorney Kent Maher and City Clerk Eddy Davis.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Putnam called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

DICUSSION / ACTION ON ITEMS OF BUSINESS & OTHER REPORTS:

INTERVIEWS FOR VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL SEAT 4

The City Council interviewed the individuals who expressed an interest in filling the vacant City Council Seat 4. The applicants were: Jim Billingsley; Chet Harrison; Sal Romero; Mike Owens; Les Warr; Sharlet Berentsen; and, Carrie Stringham. Councilman Sheen noted all the candidates were outstanding and clearly hold a positive view of Winnemucca. Sheen believes much can be accomplished with a positive attitude. Mayor Putnam pointed out the previous public board experience of Owens, Warr and Berentsen was a positive factor. Putnam noted that the candidates come from a variety of backgrounds, including retail, human resources, teaching and community history. Sheen said Billingsley has a fair amount of experience dealing with people, and he has been an ambassador for the community. Sheen noted he has been involved with some projects and was instrumental in seeing them through to the end. His out-of-the-box, diverse ideas are attributed to his positive energy. Owens is a strong team player having served on the school board for many years. Councilman Stone agreed, adding there would not be a learning curve with Owens. Brooks stated that Billingsley stood out to her. Cain agreed, noting that Billingsley has been in the community for a long time and is respected throughout the state. Putnam said all of the candidates would bring something to the table. Putnam continued that Billingsley appears to have the most time to devote to the Council and is a positive voice for Winnemucca, while Owens has a long history of service with the school board and is an obvious team player. Stringham would be a great asset to the City due to her strong background in human resources. Councilman Sheen moved to appoint Jim Billingsley as City Councilman to Seat 4. Motion carried with Putnam, Cain, Sheen and Brooks voting aye and Stone voting nay. Stone explained that he believes Billingsley will do an outstanding job, but that he believes Owens' credentials are stronger.

Mayor Putnam adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m. until the next meeting on April 20, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Eddy D. Davis
City Clerk

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PASSED AND ADOPTED: April 20, 2010

VOTE OF COUNCIL:

AYES:	Councilmen	<u>Cain, Sheen, Brooks, Stone</u>
NAYS:	Councilmen	_____
NOT VOTING:	Councilmen	_____
ABSENT:	Councilmen	_____

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Di An Putnam
Mayor

Eddy D. Davis
City Clerk