

Mayfield Town Council
Special Meeting
Monday June 29, 2020
6:00 PM

Present via electronic means are Mayor John P Christensen, Council members Mike Bennett, Aaron Peterson, Eric Peterson and Jake Dyreng. Town Clerk/Recorder Amanda Bennett, and Brandi Meyer are present. Present from the public are Heidi Lengas and S. Blevins.

Meeting called to order at 6:10 PM

Invocation offered by Mayor Christensen.

Mayor continues by explaining the need for the electronic meeting, with no anchor location, at this time.

Discussion and Approval of Water Operator Position

Mayor Christensen asks Aaron to give a background leading to this meeting. Aaron continues by recalling the public works job being posted and advertised for and that the Town received a proposal on this position. He would like the council to follow up on their original intention from last year which is getting to a point of deciding on if we need to approve the proposal we received or open the position to everyone for equal opportunity.

Brandi indicates that last September the job was posted and she applied to the public works position. She questions if that was already posted and would that include equal opportunity. Aaron explains the formal process that we are required to follow and the understanding of the council that we put out a request for proposal for the public works job. Aaron states the water operator duties were assumed by Brandi, at the direction of the Mayor, without approval of the council. Due to the immediate need for a water operator, there wasn't a decision made. Mayor Christensen explains that through the tutoring process and training for water operator duties, Garrick Willden has gotten involved and has been volunteering to help work out any issues with the system. Becoming an official volunteer for the Town he would fall under our liability umbrella. There would be no additional costs of the Town.

Aaron explains the need to stick with the council's original intentions, that we have a proposal already submitted. He would like to open it up to the other council members for discussion. Mayor asks other council members for their input. Mike agrees with Aaron that we either need to give the water operator duties to EcoLife or open it up to the public. He would like to go with opening the position up for equal opportunity. He recalls when Van left the job was opened without the council's knowledge, when they

found out , they then agreed that we go with Brandi until things got in order. Eric asks the Mayor what his recollection was, he attests to Mike's statements. Eric states he has gone through the time study turned in by Brandi, and asks if EcoLife could do the 10-15 hours a week for \$6,000. Mayor's concern is in needing control over the water system. Eric discusses the pros and cons of opening the position.

6:50 PM Heidi Lengas leaves the meeting.

Jake would like to go with option 2 (opening the position up) and describes why. Mike agrees this would be the best option, that it needs to be done. Aaron would like to see us put out an RFP (Request For Proposal) or as a Town position, go ahead and collect both and see where we get. He states that Brandi would have the opportunity to apply. Mayor explains that we need to have our water system operating. Aaron proposes Brandi continue on the level she is at during this process.

Brandi explains her responsibilities and what it has taken to get us where we are with our water system, and what would happen if we get de-certified.

Eric expresses gratitude to Brandi for her work. Jake also states his respect and thanks to Brandi for her vested time. Aaron expresses his appreciation for Brandi, and asserts that we need to follow through with what the original intentions of the council were last year.

7:15 PM Motion is made by Aaron to open up the Mayfield Town Water Operator position and a request for proposal to operate the Town's water system to allow for equal opportunity, the motion is seconded by Eric. The motion is discussed. This motion died as no votes were taken. Mike clarifies that we are discussing the water operator position not EcoLife's contract. The Mayor requests additional time before a decision is made.

7:27 PM Jake leaves the meeting.

7:30 PM Mike leaves the meeting. Jake returns to the meeting.

Mayor will follow up with legal counsel on technical issues, and tables any remaining agenda items for this meeting. Time for another meeting is discussed. The Council will meet again on July 6th at 6:30 PM.

7:37 PM Motion to adjourn is made by Eric, the motion is seconded by Aaron and the motion passes.