

**SANDSTONE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, May 12, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Spartz, Palmer, Gaede, Riley

Members absent: Kester

Staff present: Administrator George

Others present: Pine County Courier Editor Alaena White, Oliver Dykstra, Stacey Horton, Julena Rahier

This meeting was held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

SPECIAL ITEMS OF BUSINESS:

City Council Candidate Interviews

Sadly, on April 20th, Council Member Phil Kester passed away. His passing leaves a vacant seat on the City Council. This is a 4-year term, which will expire in December, 2020. The Council had determined to appoint a replacement for the remaining eight months of the term. In August, 2019, when two vacancies presented themselves, the City advertised for interested candidates. Five people submitted the City Council Candidate Questionnaire. Interviews of those five candidates were held at that time and two of those, Gaede and Riley, were appointed to fill the vacancies. Being faced with another vacancy, the Council determined to hold interviews of the three that were not appointed last fall, if they expressed interest. All three were contacted and expressed interest.

The purpose of the Special Council Meeting was to interview the three candidates and decide how the Council would like to proceed. Oliver Dykstra, Stacey Horton, and Julena Rahier were interviewed.

Following the interviews, a motion was made by Spartz to appoint Julena Rahier. Mayor Spartz called for a second to the motion. The motion died for lack of a second. Council Members expressed their desire to have further discussion regarding each of the candidates.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Spartz, seconded by Riley, to appoint Julena Rahier to the vacant seat. Motion passed 4-0.

ADJOURN

Motion Spartz, second Palmer to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0. Time 7:30 p.m.

Peter Spartz, Mayor

Kathy George, Administrator