

City Council
Special Meeting Minutes
10/15/12

Council convened a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. Monday, October 15, 2012.

Present: Mayor Jason K. Ward, Andy Gilner, Dennis Bixby, Jim Truesdell, Chris Donnelly, Bill Peak

Kim Win from the League of Kansas Municipalities presented to the Council on the process of moving from a City of the Third Class to a City of the Second Class. Ms. Winn has assisted several cities with this transition and provided insight into issues the Council might think about when making this transition. She said that this is the opportunity for the governing body to determine what they want their form of government to look like.

Ms. Winn expressed the importance of including citizens and business leaders in the conversation of any change in government. She recommended forming a blue ribbon committee to review potential changes.

Ms. Winn also said the Council needs to decide if they want to continue to be elected at-large or move to being elected from Wards. She also said if the Council wishes to transition from a City Administrator to a City Manager, they should do this during the same time they transition to a second class city. She said these changes would need to be approved by voters.

The Mayor called for an executive session at 7:10 p.m. to discuss confidential or trade secret information pertaining to a third party. The motion made by Bixby and seconded by Gilner. All Ayes.

At 7:25 p.m. Councilman Peak made a motion to return from closed session, seconded by Gilner. All Ayes. The mayor subsequently asked for a motion to adjourn, motion made by Councilman Peak and seconded by Gilner. All Ayes.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Jones-Lacy
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