



City Hall, Council Chambers
401 S. Johnstone Avenue
Bartlesville, OK 74003

**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BARTLESVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**April 26, 2021
12:00 noon**

**Mayor Dale Copeland
918-338-4282**

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(The Notice of Meeting and the Agenda were posted April 22, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.)

City Council present were Mayor Dale Copeland, Vice Mayor Jim Curd, Jr., Trevor Dorsey and Paul Stuart.

City staff present were Mike Bailey, City Manager; Jess Kane, City Attorney; and Jason Muninger, City Clerk/CFO.

- 1. Mayor Copeland called the business meeting of the Bartlesville City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.**
- 2. Roll call was conducted a quorum established.**
- 3. The Invocation was provided by Mr. Dorsey.**
- 4. Citizens to be heard.**

There were no citizens to be heard.

- 5. Discuss and take action to appointment a Ward 4 Council Representative.**

Mayor Copeland reported that the Ward 4 City Council seat came open in March due to Alan Gentges stepping down to take the job of Municipal Judge. He was pleased to have seven people step forward to offer to serve the City in this capacity, which he believes is a testament to the can-do nature of Bartlesville citizens. He explained that interviews were conducted two-by-two in order to comply with open meeting laws, which led to a lengthy but informative afternoon. He added that there was a tremendous slate of applicants and thanked them for coming forward. Applicants were Melanie Bayles, Danny J. Fugate, Sr., Allen Michael Hicks, David Nickel, Billie Roane, Natalie Turner and John Earl Werts.

Discussion ensued covering how all of the candidates were qualified; some had more civic experience either on committees, boards or non-profits than others; how the field was narrowed down to three applicants from the seven mainly due to previous civic experience; and how all Councilmembers were pleased at the number of willing citizens ready to serve their Ward and City. All stated they hoped that those who are not chosen would continue to pursue serving on City committees or non-profits in the community. The three top candidates were Melanie Bayles, David Nickel and Billie Roane.

Vice Mayor Curd moved to appoint Ms. Billie Roane as Ward 4 Council Representative, seconded by Mr. Dorsey.

Mayor Copeland stated that the Councilmembers spent a lot of time studying the applications, and reiterated that he hoped all of the applicants continue to get involved in the City and serve in another capacity.

Aye: Mr. Stuart, Mr. Dorsey, Vice Mayor Curd, Mayor Copeland
Nay: None
Motion: Passed

Mayor Copeland congratulated Ms. Roane who was present in the audience, and that he looked forward to working with her in the future. He added that the immediate future holds working through the budget process for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. He also thanked all of the candidates.

6. City Manager and Staff Reports.

Mr. Bailey congratulated Ms. Roane and thanked all of the candidates. He added that at the May 3 Council meeting that Council committee appointments will be considered.

He also reported that there will be a Special City Council Meeting to hold a workshop to review the proposed budget, May mid-month. The first meeting in June will be the budget public hearing and possible adoption. The municipal airport will part of budget discussions, and a pro forma for the airport is currently being prepared.

Upon Mayor Copeland's question about which committees Mr. Gentges was the Council liaison to, Mr. Stuart provided that he sat upon the City Planning Committee, Downtown Landscape Task Force, Tax Incentive District Committee, Tower Green Design Committee, Transportation Committee and the Water Resources Board.

7. City Council Comments and Inquiries.

Vice Mayor Curd stated that he was impressed with the terrific turnout of applicants for the City Attorney, City Judge and Ward 4 Council positions. He added that it speaks well of the community, and that he is proud to be part of this Council. Mr. Curd stated that the former Vice Mayor Gentges kept in touch with constituents of Ward 4, and that he was confident Ms. Roane will do so as well.

Mr. Dorsey stated that it was a tough choice to choose a Ward 4 Councilmember, and thanked each and every person who applied. He again encouraged the other applicants to stay engaged.

Mayor Copeland added that over the past 15 months, the City and nation has gone through extraordinary times, and that he continues to feel that there is no better place to be than Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He thanked City staff, his fellow Councilmembers and the citizens.

Reminder that the Spring Grass and Leaf Pickup begins next week.

At the Mayor's request, Mr. Baily updated the recycling center situation. According to Public Works Director, Keith Henry, it could be a month before the Tulsa Recycle Processing Center will be up and running. According to an article in the Tulsa World, it could be up to eight months. Other options are being researched, but at this time the Bartlesville Recycling Center remains closed. There is an independent company, Recyclops, that will pick up recyclables curbside for a fee. Their website is www.recyclops.com for further information.

8. There being no further business to address, Mayor Copeland adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.


Dale W. Copeland, Mayor


Jason Muninger, City Clerk/CFO

