

SPECIAL SESSION

OCTOBER 6, 2021
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Parish Council held a Special Meeting on this date with Chairman Dean S. Adams presiding and the following members present: Rev. Craig Mathews, J. Ina, Rodney Olander, Leslie Rulf, Jr., Patrick Hebert, James Bennett, Jr., Mark Duhon, Kristi Prejeant Rink, MD, and Gwendolyn Hidalgo. Absent was Scott Ramsey.

The Invocation was pronounced by Mr. Bennett and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Duhon.

Mr. Adams gave condolences to the families of Larry Frank and Donna Meyer.

Mr. Adams asked if any applicants would prefer to be interviewed in public.

Being none, Rev. Mathews moved that the Parish Council go into Executive Session to interview and discuss qualifications of applicants interested in being appointed to the position of St. Mary Parish Registrar of Voters which reads:

A public body may hold an executive session pursuant to R.S. 42:16 for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of a person, provided that such person is notified in writing at least twenty-four hours before the meeting and that such person may require that such discussion be held at an open meeting.

Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried by the following 10-0-0-1 Roll Call Vote:

YEAS: Mathews, Ina, Olander, Rulf, Hebert, Bennett, Duhon, Rink, Hidalgo, and Adams

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Ramsey

Mr. Adams requested that everyone exit the Council Chambers and informed that each applicant would be interviewed individually in the order that their resume' was received. Those attending Executive Session included Mr. Adams, Rev. Mathews, Mr. Ina, Mr. Olander, Mr. Rulf, Mr. Hebert, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Duhon, Dr. Rink, Mrs. Hidalgo, and Legal Counsel, Eric Duplantis. Absent was Mr. Ramsey.

Applicants were called individually into the Executive Session in order to be interviewed and to discuss their qualifications. Applicants present and interviewed included Byron J. Stelly, Marrisstene L. Phillips, Christine B. Lemoine, and Raymond Harris, Jr.

Following Executive Session, Mr. Olander moved that the October 6, 2021 Special Session Meeting be reconvened. Mr. Rulf seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Ina commended the Council on conducting great interviews.

There was discussion relative to the voting ballot process to appoint a new Registrar of Voter.

In response to Mr. Ina's inquiry, Mr. Duplantis stated that he will review the State Statue to see if a Public Hearing is required.

There being no further business, Mr. Olander moved for adjournment. Mr. Ina seconded the motion, which carried.

Lisa C. Morgan, Clerk

Dean S. Adams, Chairman