



**Special Called Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2025
6:00 pm**

I. The meeting was called to order by the Honorable Mayor Avery.

II. Roll Call by City Clerk, Brenda James found the following members present:

The Honorable Mayor Pro-Tem Alex Heath
The Honorable Hattie Portis-Jones

The Honorable Linda J. Davis
The Honorable Ulysses J. Smallwood

The Honorable Samantha Hudson was absent.

Also present was City Attorney Rory Starkey and City Clerk Brenda James.

III. Mayor Avery provided the Invocation.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance was in Unison.

V. Adoption of the City Council Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem Heath made a motion to adopt the agenda. Council Member Davis provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VI. Regular Agenda:

1. Hiring an outside Attorney to advise the Impeachment Council

City Attorney Rorey Starkey read 2-60 (10) of the city code which says, " the city attorney shall attend such trials and give the court advise on procedural matters and the law of evidence.". He further said since he has been involved in this matter, he is recommending an outside counsel be hired to ensure due process. He further said he was recommending Robert Ashe if he is available.

Council Member Smallwood made the motion to hire an outside Attorney to advise the Impeachment Council during October 30, 2025, Impeachment Hearing in amount not to exceed \$700.00 an hour. Council Member Portis Jones provided the second.

Council Member Davis asked if Robert Ashe, was an attorney at the law firm of Bondurant, Mixson and Elmore and Attorney Starkey said yes.

Council Member Portis-Jones as if we were hiring the firm and if Attorney Ashe could not do it would someone else from the firm be available.

City Attorney Starkey said yes, we are hiring the firm and Attorney Ashe said he can manage the impeachment trial, but in case something happens, another attorney from the firm would be available.

Council Member Smallwood asked if the process would be similar to the one of the Ethics Hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Heath asked if the cost might be less.

City Attorney Starkey said the process would be similar to the Ethics Hearing and to answer Mayor Pro Tem Heath, Attorney Ashe will be \$700.00 per hour, however if he could not do it and someone else did, it is possible the cost could be less.

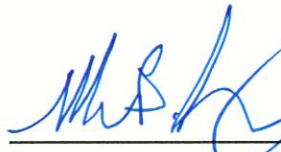
After much discussion, **the motion carried unanimously.**

VII.: Adjournment:

Council Member Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
Council Member Heath provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**



Brenda James, City Clerk



Mario Avery, Mayor