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Vote of Council 2/11/10

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ATTENDEES: Town Officials: Mayor and Council President Peter Helt; Councilwoman Wendi Peters – Secretary; Council Members: David Pyatt; Gary Nelson and Chris Everich. Town Staff: Tom McCarron – Town Attorney; and Debbie Parker - Town Clerk

OTHERS: None.

CALL TO ORDER - The Mayor called the meeting to order at approximately 7:30 p.m. **MOTION:** Mr. Nelson moved to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues as allowed by State Government Article 10-508 (a) (1)(i) To discuss the employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees or officials over whom it has jurisdiction. Seconded by Councilman Everich. Vote: Pyatt – Yea; Helt – Yea; Nelson – Yea; Peters – Yea; Everich – Yea.

Mayor Helt called the closed meeting to order. Councilman Everich spoke of how he asked for the closed meeting because of letters and statements Councilman Pyatt has sent and given to the newspapers that there has been wasteful spending going on in Town Hall, and a quote regarding the need of a clean sweep of Town Hall staff. Mr. Pyatt said that the quote about sweeping people out of Town Hall came from Mayor Helt, which Mayor Helt denied. Mr. Pyatt explained that he never said that – and did not believe he ever said it. He felt the Town has some really good employees. He spoke of the hard working employees.

Councilman Everich asked Councilman Pyatt what the Town employees are doing wrong that needs to be addressed? Mr. Pyatt explained that it is a deep rooted problem and it involves people sitting here at the Council table.

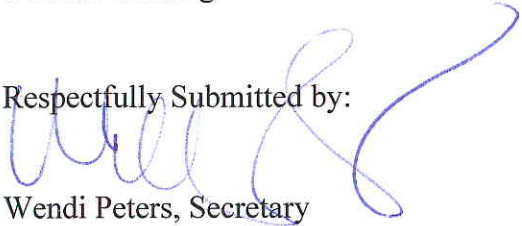
Mr. Pyatt asked Mr. Everich if he was an Engineer? Mr. Pyatt spoke of the files, e-mails and mountain of evidence he has. Mr. Pyatt felt that Mr. Everich should be able to find the evidence, and did not think he was trying.

Mr. Nelson explained that this is Mr. Pyatt's allegations and they are asking him to show proof of these allegations. Mr. Pyatt felt that the only people who have doubt of what he is saying are sitting in this room. Mr. Pyatt indicated that he has a lot of evidence. The Council asked Mr. Pyatt to please just show them the evidence. Mr. Pyatt said that if they want to take action they need to have Council Members Helt, Everich, Nelson and Peters resign. Mr. Pyatt explained that he thought the Town looks bad because of "you guys" (the Council), and that they have embarrassed the Town. Mr. Nelson felt the Council should go into open session and state this meeting was to have Councilman Pyatt provide evidence of his allegations, but he showed no evidence. Mayor Pyatt felt it should be stated that he does have a lot of evidence.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION: Mayor/Councilman Helt moved to close the Closed Town Council Meeting, and go into a Special Open Council meeting. Seconded by Councilman

Everich. Vote: All in favor. The Closed meeting was closed at approximately 7:45 p.m. and it was decided to go into a Special Open Council meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Wendi Peters, Secretary

Prepared by Debbie Parker

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