

# **SPECIAL MEETING**

## **MARCH 8, 2021**

Mayor Rock Anderson called the Special Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was stated by all present. Roll call was taken and all members of the City Council were present. Rock Anderson read aloud the statement for why the Council was holding this meeting which was to discuss two topics. One is the Southwest Power Pool bills, and the Second reason is to interview two candidates for the open position of the Public Works Director.

Rock Anderson brought up the proposal that the State Treasurer has announced of borrowing funds to help Cities cover this extraordinary expense that has been sent. The total amount for the 2 SPP bills and the 1 WAPA bill is a total of \$401,281.17. The State Treasurer per the House Bill 2429 will allow Arma to borrow these funds at a .25% interest rate. Tom Hayes reported to the City Council on webinar's he has attended the past few days on this loan opportunity. Tom also reported on KMEA's proposal of a 200,000.00 loan but the City would be required to sign a new contract which would be extended out plus the cost would go up. Rob Lessen made the motion to apply for the State Loan and if funding comes in from another source then City Council could refuse the Loan program. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes per candidate with the City Council and the Attorney. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion 7:00 p.m.

Rob Lessen made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:15 p.m. Travis Wood seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go back into executive session on Non-Elected Personnel with the Council and Attorney for 10 minutes. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved. 7:16 p.m.

Mary Lou Peace made the motion to go back into regular session at 7:26 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to have Tom Hayes send a letter to Tom Gorman offering the Public Works Director position at \$20.00 on hour for the 90-day probation period with explanation of employee benefits as they currently stand. Dickie Cleland seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

Rob Lessen made the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Ken Harryman seconds the motion. The motion was approved.

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*Bette Lessen, City Clerk*