

23 February 2023 Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of the Silvis City Council held in Silvis City Hall, Council Chambers, 121 11th Street Silvis at 6:30 pm.

1) Call to Order:

Mayor Matt Carter called the 23 February 2023 Special City Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2) Roll Call:

Mayor Matt Carter asked City Clerk Amy Malmstrom to call Roll.

Members Present: Tony Trulson, Larry York, Kathy Hall, Rick Lohse, David Smith, Joshua Dyer, Bob Rockwell

Absent: Ian Pavelonis

3) Public Comment:

Shannon Pirmann 710 5th Ave in Silvis, I have the unique disservice, advantage, and disadvantage of being both a resident of this community and an employee of the City. Hopefully you understand my conundrum. Often there are times when I see things in my community and in my work that can be very troubling. Is it because I am an employee and I am not able to speak as a citizen? I don't know but tonight is the night that I am saying enough is enough. I ran for City Clerk a few years ago because I was seeing a lot of things that I felt gave me questions about what our elected officials were doing or not doing and I believe in that preemies if you do nothing you get nothing. So, I threw my hat in the ring and I did not win but that is ok because that shows our constituents my fellow residents that they deserve an option and their voice deserves to be heard. My question for all of you is Why Now? Why Now? Alderman Lohse the other night referenced Mayor Matt Carter needs help, "Matt get help" was this same comment ever made to previous elected officials and administration? I ask that because we have individuals who have overstepped their positions, a City Administrator is hired to be a City Administrator, A Public Works Director is hired to be a Public Works Director, A Police Chief, A Police Chief, Fire Chief, a Fire Chief, should we have people self-appointing themselves to fill in for those rolls in the absence of whomever that individual should be. If others cannot fulfill their roles that they have been appointed or elected to do, because of people who are seeking greater control, shame on them. Previously we have had other Mayors who have had their authority stifled and allowed other to impose their influence upon their decisions and it has got to stop. Many Alderman were in the very same seats that you are sitting in tonight in years past.

When we had individuals expressing aggressive behaviors to our employees, why now? Instead of telling offenders to get help, you suppress those who express concern about the actions. Right now, your constituents made their voices heard the other night, they elected you as citizens be our voice. Not that of a select few who may not even be a resident of this City. Matt is clearly asserting his authority as Mayor when he heard, enough is enough and I thank you for doing that, he wants to do right by the citizens of our community, those who elected him and put him in that seat, who put a few of you in your seats because unfortunately when seats are uncontested honestly do you really win your election when no one runs against you? When you are appointed do you legitimately win your seat? Unfortunately, it goes back to that same premise of people wanting to express what is wrong and doing nothing. It is time you guys do something. Matt is asking you to do something. There are comments are you listening or are you hearing, he heard what our citizens are saying and enough is enough. Another comment you made the other night in regards to who has heard of Ancel Glink, probably no one in the room had heard of Ancel Glink, I have to beg to differ if any of your Alderman who are sitting with you don't know who Ancel Glink is, they don't deserve to be sitting in their seats. You have gone to that IML conference, I am willing to bet you have been at sessions presented by Ancel

Glink, so you know the kind of counsel that they provide you know what they do for Municipal code. Mayor had to tell her time was up.

Bill Fox 809 8th Ave Silvis said he would back her up on that last comment, Ancel Glink is probably the best law firm for municipal communities anywhere in IL, I have been through all of their courses when I first became Mayor, what the laws where, how the ordinance was and how they came about and why they came about. I think they pretty much wrote the book and did write a handbook on the laws. I don't understand why you have to have another attorney when you have them sitting right there. They are the best, unequivocally. Alderman Dyer have you been to IML convention? Alderman Dyer said this is not the time I get to respond to you, and Bill said you can't respond to me, Josh said that he has the floor and we do not and Bill said I have the floor and I asked you a question and Josh said he is not allowed to respond and Ancel Glink attorney said yes you are allowed to respond. Bill said don't tell me what the law is, I am a citizen and I can ask anyone of you a question in open forum. Bill asked Josh again if he has been to the conference and did he sit through one of Ancel Glink's sessions? Alderman Dyer said he has sat through a variety of sessions. Bill then asked all of the Alderman if they had been to the conference and the only one who has not been is Alderman Rockwell. Then you should know what they do and I don't want you to waste more taxpayer's money hiring lawyers, they are going to tell you what you can do and what the Mayor can do, they will not tell you anything that is wrong. I don't care if you have your nose bent out of shape from what has gone on. We elected him to be Mayor, the Leader of the City. We didn't ask you to be the leader, you are here today to legislate not be a leader. You need to support your Mayor and I really don't understand what is going on here and it turns my stomach, to see this in a small City like this, we all know one another, I have known Tony since he was a little kid.

Joe Knapp 1012 4th Ave. right across from the Park. It is my park, I have the original abstract and own 60 acres, I own a lot of your houses and the Park. I use to tell people to come over and play in my park and I let the City use it and keep it up. I know it has been sold now. I have been so proud of being a citizen of Silvis and you have made laughing stocks out of us. The entire QC is watching you, this is the first I have seen of what is on the agenda for tonight and I have not had a chance to read it all but from what I gather, all of a sudden we have gone along with the City Attorney we have hired and we have gone along with the Mayor and now this or not sure who put this out but you want to change this so you can bypass the Mayor and if you don't agree with the him and the City Attorney that you guys can get together and go hire another attorney to fight him and the City attorney on all issues and you want the authority and free reign to spend more money, more of my money as a citizen of Silvis. This is bogus, I am standing up here what I am thinking and what I have read, this young lady got up and spoke her peace and I liked what she said and it was honest and she endangered her job for going against the Council members on this and I commend you for doing that. You can't do a lot to me but shame on you. Craig Pirmann, I own 2 properties in Silvis and pay over \$15,000 a year in taxes. I would think I would have a voice but apparently, I have never had a voice, I am just the one who makes the waves in the pond. I to have been harassed by City employees in the past, I don't call it harassment I just call it people trying to shut me up. People coming to my office and telling me I am making the City look bad because I put a banner on my building. It is very petty and childish and it has been done to me and I took it as you have a right to an option which is what Mr. Nelson use to tell me. The thing that bothers me most in all this, is if you don't conform to the good old boys club, or the friends and family club then they just shut you up and shut you down and push you out and you guys have been around when this all came up and I have mentioned it to a couple of you Alderman and none of you listened, now look someone lit the fuse and the

damn bomb blew up. Here we are and the thing to me is that we really don't need our personal feeling get in the way of this. If I was going on personal feelings I could have filed a complaint on several of you over the years because it is personal, not professional and it doesn't help our City. It doesn't help our team and we are one team, I don't care if you are in the Union or an employee or appointed or elected we are one team. That is what we forgot and I want to implore all of you to think about this, you have one of the best law firms in the state if not the country representing us right now and I am sure we are paying a little extra because they are that good. They wrote the municipal code and I just found this out in the last 2 days and I am pretty sure you could all figure this out and I can imagine why we would hire another lawyer unless it was personal and very petty. When you get personal and petty it doesn't cost you anything, it cost me. You're taking it out of my \$15,000 and his tax money and their tax money, guys forget that you're not held accountable for most of that, pretty sure Kathy does, and I give her that she won her election as did Matt. Since all of you have made up your minds already which is very apparent, I saw on Tuesday night that you guys don't care what we say but you're going to have to sooner or later so now would be the sooner and it would be better to do it now. Nobody wants this in the City, I don't see anybody up here fighting or arguing on your behalf and I don't know what Matt did, I really don't you guys don't want to share that, you can hide the Whistleblower but you don't want to hide the topic and I heard that 8 people signed a document and some of them said you didn't have all the information. Wow think about that, you're still investigating that but you're willing to sign a document to stifle the Mayor. I don't know where you get this but this club is not how it works, it is called democracy we can have a difference of opinion and still be friends, we can I promise. I am not any of your enemies here but many of you have stood up against me and I just want to say 1 more thing aside from harassment I/we my wife have been extremely harassed by some of the people in this city over the last 6 years. She lost 2 job promotions over it and some of you already know what you did. You were in your closed meeting hiding behind the door and shadows making up rules as you go, making up tests that were designed to be failed but not to everyone only the ones you didn't like to make them whole, you follow the law up until it fits your agenda and it is not cool. It may be legal to hire another lawyer it may very well be but it is wrong, you have counsel representing the City, no you, not Matt, the City/Everybody. That is a value you should be looking at, it gets back to an old saying we have heard it from Kennedy or Lincoln you can foul some of the people some of the time but you can't foul all of the people all of the time. I really hope that you reconsider this incredibly large expense that is going to be cast upon the taxpayers. We have a law firm, so use it, they will work on your behalf just like they will on Matt's behalf, they will tell you the truth they are bond. How about you guys pay for it, if you really think it is that important you guys pay for it. Take it out of your pockets and see how it feels, Mr. Dyer, Rick, Tony come on take it out of your damn pockets if it is really that important. I would, if I felt it was that important and I have we had to file a lawsuit against the City of Silvis for not giving me a FOIA request. Mr. Nelson did not give us the FOIA and I had to hire a lawyer Mike Halpin and we had to spend thousands of our own dollars to get what we asked for, they all knew it was illegal and it is a form of harassment. So, I thank you for hearing us but I hope you are listening because this is a really important moment for each of you and us as a community a team.

Mary Forest - 701 20th Ave Silvis, I do not own a home here but I rent a villa, I am totally disappointed. I voted for 2 of this body and I made a mistake and you people you are not all elected, you just sit here because no one else wants to run against you. I have been coming to the meetings and it is disturbing what you are doing and what people are saying. People right here that are Council Members, 1 said I am only here until I can retire I have to hang on a few

more years. Another person said this is Council Members that is supposed to be leading us and helping us, oh it is not much money but it helps my Social Security that is why he was here. Another one said nothing else to do, and want to know what is going on. Another said I am here to help the people. Another one said I am learning so I can be Mayor. What is wrong with this, are you not supposed to work together and not hide behind what we still don't know what happened? Oh, it is still under investigation we can't speak now. So when can you speak, are you hiding behind the closed door, and why can't we know what is going on? We the people, you sold us out. I shop here and I don't own a home but I shop here and I spend the 7.75% why can't we be working for the growth the greater of Silvis? I came here where the people were grateful to live in box cars and grateful for the job. Are you grateful or just spending your time, you need to answer to the people, you need to work together and act like adults and see the better part of you because it is here you just don't want to work together? Please get this over with, you got a good man and he is trying to do what is right and some of you are doing it for personal gain, stop!

Bob Cervantes 203 5th St. Silvis, A lot of you know me and a lot of you sat next to me in Council. I am going to give you my opinion from someone who was here long before some of you here even the Mayor. Mayor Fox was on the Council when I came on, and I went through 3 Mayors, 3 Police Chiefs and luckily only 1 Fire Chief. We disagreed a lot of times and I know Rick me and your dad he would hit that gavel and say Cervantes you're out of line, and I would say you can pound that until high hell goes over and I am still going to say what I have to say but after that it was ok, we got along. That is the point, we can do City business and still work together and when it is all over let's not have a bunch of name calling and have a bunch of he said she said, we are here to work for the residents. This is the house of the people of the City of Silvis, we are just taking up a seat for the time being. I ran against Matt and he beat me naturally, I support him and you guys in what you do but we need to go about this in a different way. Let's work together, it is the people's house and there is a saying from President Lincoln, a house divided cannot stand and right now this house is divided and we need to put it back together for the residents of this City. Who you all work for and let's get back on track.

4) Discussion and Action on the following:

A) Ordinance for Legislative Counsel

Alderman Larry York asked to start, I have a few questions. This document authorizes the City Council but it doesn't authorize who on the Council is going to hire this person, interview this person, seek out applications for this person. I assume it is going to be Personal Committee. We can't hire any of the Department Heads, City Clerk, Administrative are all Executive Branch and the Document says they can't hire outside council. So, you have not labeled out who can seek out applications for the hire and it needs to be in the document before we approve it. The document itself is lacking.

Alderman Kathy Hall said let me read from the Code of Ordinances. The following city officers shall be appointed by the Mayor by and with the advice and consent of the City Council. A City Attorney, Chief of Police, Assistant Chief of Police, A director of Public Works, Chief of Fire and a City Inspector and Parks Supervisor. That is in the ordinance right now. I am saying why would we change something that is in the code of ordinances that has worked very well. The Council still has a say and I read this and the corrections and it says if we don't like what the City Council says we can get someone else and see what they say and I think that is unnecessary. We hire a City Attorney to do all the work, so that is my opinion so I am not in favor of this.

Alderman Trulson said Kathy I would have to ask you, have you confirmed the current City Attorney? Kathy said we do not have a current City attorney we have a temporary one. Tony asked if this was confirmed and did you pick that law firm and she said no not if it is temporary. Tony said his point is that you just read over the ordinance that the Mayor has a right to appoint and the Council has the right to confirm. We had a City Attorney who when we asked for advice or when we asked him for his opinion he gave us his legal opinion. When he resigned our new Council has said that all the opinions he gave and advice in certain situations was wrong, so here we are we have had 2 different City Attorney's give their opinions and they differ. I am not a lawyer and I heard someone in the audience say they were not lawyers, so when I hear council from 2 different attorney's which one do I believe? In my opinion, I guess it is like going to the doctor and in this case, I need a 3rd opinion because the first 2 are not the same. This is why I think we need something like this and once again, everyone who is here tonight and was here on Tuesday, heard my opinion that our current temp attorney has come in with a bias against our employees. I believe that they were hired by the Mayor. Alderwomen Hall said now we are doing assumptions Tony. Alderman Trulson said no once again what I am saying is in my opinion, I can't speak for anyone else. They were hired by the Mayor and have now been appointed as temporary Council and I believe there is a conflict of interest. That is why I feel we need a second opinion on that. Alderwoman Hall said at Tuesday meeting we heard from his attorney and it was not Ancel Glink. Mayor Matt said that is correct he is 6'6, he is tall and I pay by the foot and he is \$365 an hour. Alderman Dyer said he was recruited by Ancel Glink and he told us that. Mayor Matt said he was referred and the reason for that is because I asked for someone with knowledge in this kind of field and with experience and he explained that with a Court Case that he won that was very present, he is very seasoned and he was not the only one with the opportunity for the job. Alderman Trulson said he only mentioned that, he is not trying to get into this debate again and he only mention it again because once again the opinion between your current City Council and our previous lawyer differ. So therefore, the reason I am asking for this is to get another opinion and I do not know who to believe. I am just being honest. Mayor Matt said he felt that way for a long time with our 2, 1 contract and 1 offers counsel for months and I got pushback and I had to ask for a second opinion on behalf of the City of Silvis not on behalf of Matthew Carter but on behalf of the City of Silvis and its residents. When I have a Julius Doctorate sitting in the room telling me it is ok for 3 elected officials to be in a room and it was not illegal, we have a real serious problem on our hands. Now ladies and gentlemen, before me is one of what I consider the holy bible on how to run a municipality and on the front is Ancel Glink. They are the ultimate authority and any attorney in the state of Illinois wanting to know how to run a government or have a question they go to this handbook or they pick up the phone to call them and not only other attorneys but other legal counsel as well. At the end of the day I will have more disagreements but she is working for the best of Silvis. Alderman Trulson said in your opinion, I will respect your opinion and Mayor Matt said it is in ink and Alderman Trulson asked the Mayor to respect his, once again the audience they don't see, we had 2 attorney's that gave their opinion and the Mayor disagreed with both the City hired attorney's, city appointed attorney's. Mayor said point of order, he questioned their opinions and Alderman Trulson said you disagreed with them and Mayor said he question them. Mayor said do you know how much we paid the Labor attorney in 2023 \$16,000. Alderman Trulson said and how much are we paying the temporary attorney to come from Chicago to the City of Silvis and back for every meeting and every time she is here. Ancel Glink said they do not charge for travel. Mayor Matt said she is temporary. Alderman Trulson said we had legal counsel, we had 2 attorney's and they gave their counsel and you questioned them. Mayor Matt said yes, we had a

Labor attorney giving advice on something different so yes, I questioned it absolutely. Alderman Trulson said they gave you an answer and you questioned it, you asked is this legal and both attorneys' gave you an answer. They go back and forth on this as Mayor Matt keeps saying he questioned it and Tony wants to argue it, saying he is not answering the question.

Alderman Rick Lohse final cuts in and says to the task at hand which is legislative counsel. Legislative counsel is an opportunity or a way for a council to have legal advice independent of City attorney as needed. It doesn't cost us anything unless we want that advice. So, with that in mind I would like to take us through why we are doing this right now. A few things have happened, in the last few days or couple of weeks. Our City Attorney quit or abandoned which is key, Nick Mason abandoned his position, so the Mayor appoints Ancel Glink which is in his power to do and because of an abandonment it is a temporary appointment. Because it is a temporary appointment there is no Council oversight, there is no advice or consent for the temporary position. There is no oversight because of this position. Which is normal and the law, after the mayor has fired our labor attorney which was about labor 99% of the time we talked, she is gone and I respected what she did, she was good at what she did, and I will miss her but that is a personal thing. The problem now is that the Council has no legal advice except for the Mayor's appointment without any oversight.

Alderman Larry York said that when you referred what is going on here to the legislative Council that is our Legal advice. Alderman Lohse asked if he could make his point. In the end of all of this the Mayor hires himself a personal attorney and he comes here and introduces himself, in my first interaction with Ancel Glink, there was an email from you and I want to summarize this email from you. You summarize that Nick Mason abandoned his position and the Mayor will present his plan for what he is going to do in a meeting that was canceled and the Mayor is in his rights to fire the attorney and he did. The Council cannot engage in attorneys without the Mayor's approval, the final paragraph in this thing is you stating that the position of his attorney is the Mayor personal attorney will sue the Council if the Council doesn't align with these statements. So, this is my first introduction to Ancel Glink, get in line or get sued. So here we are, here is Rick Lohse sitting at this table he has been told that I am the new attorney and you don't have oversight, fired my other attorney that I trusted and you will get sued if you don't get in line. How would you react? This is how I am reacting, I am laying it all out for you. We are a legislative Council at this point that has no one to go to, to ask if this is on the up and up. Should we believe all of this, that is where I am at. The Mayor's attorney stood in front of us the other night and the first thing out of his mouth was discouraging legislative Counsel, where did that come from and why was he talking about that. We wanted to talk about Legislative counsel the other night it was canceled because of 2 minutes, is it illegal to do that yes, we will just leave it alone. The Mayor received a letter from the Council signed by all 8 to resign. The Mayor the other night by majority vote was voted as the council having no confidence in. The Council who has no confidence in the Mayor appointed counsel, so the Mayor got a lawyer with no oversight. Mayor Matt said he could have voted on that vote the other night and tied it but he didn't. I said the other night look for the signal not the noise and that is noise, the Council has no confidence and just in the past 2 days Ancel Glink sued our labor attorney to get documentation and they did this without Council knowing we saw it on the news. It is all legal, I am not saying it isn't. In this appointment of Ancel Glink and I said I was Chairman of the Finance Committee and I am, the Mayor is not legally bound to come to me or give me anything and he didn't so I don't know what Ancel Glink is charging us, as Finance Committee Chairman it is part of my oversight and I don't know what they are being charged. Here is what the ordinance says, Legislative Counsel in the exercise of legislative duties can speak to a legislative counsel and that is all we are

asking for. Here is the take away from this the City of Silvis Council was put in a legal strangle hold by an unsupportive Mayor by appointed a City Attorney without Legal Counsel oversight. That is why tonight is look it may not help us or this council to put in the legislative counsel but it may help next time. I don't know if that is going to be tomorrow or next year whenever it may be, as long as it is written into the ordinance there is nothing wrong with being able to go back to it. It is not costing us anything unless we use it and I would give anything to have an independent lawyer that I can talk to and say what the hell is going on. Mayor Matt said that is what he did for him and the audience said why don't you hire one and Alderman Lohse said we are trying. The audience said hire one yourself personally. Someone said Counsel is sitting right there ask her whatever you want. Alderman Lohse said he doesn't want to talk to Ancel Glink because he doesn't know if he can trust her. Mayor said are you saying you can't trust her and Alderman Lohse said no I am not saying I can't trust her but if you look at the situation that happened wouldn't it be nice if I didn't have to go put up my own money to talk to a lawyer and say.... Mayor Matt said that is what I am doing right now. Alderman Lohse said if he had legislative counsel right now he would go talk to them, if I could provide that access to a council in the future, I want to do that. I don't know why we wouldn't want to do it.

Alderman Joshua Dyer said he had a number of points to make. The first one is I must object again to Ancel Glink sitting there on the grounds that they have a conflict of interest. It sounds to me that it will be address next week in court. In the meantime, Keri sent a variety of emails and one came out on February 19th and she said or sent out a case, where she tried to summarize it for us and said the City Council cannot hire a City lawyer without the Mayors approval. The case she sent out said that the Mayor had the unilateral authority to appoint both the City attorney and any other attorney for the City that is the one she is quoting. The problem is that in Silvis the City Council states that responsibility for proposed ordinances and other Council action dealing with the indicated subjects vested in standing committees. On the ordinance committee one of those subjects is City legal services as such under-City ordinance the Mayor is not given the unilateral right to hire an attorney. That is in our ordinance but she is trying to tell us that is not the case. Already in her first email to us it sounds like she is giving us poor advice. Then the other issue is that Keri herself in 2017 argued the case a Jones case. Keri Lyn represented 4 trustees in the village of Broadview in case where the president basically the Mayor sued them to disqualify Ancel Glink, Ancel Glink than created legislative Counsel ordinances and amended the City Attorney position to ensure that there is no use serving the duties of that position. Her law firm encouraged others to do exactly what we are trying to do today. That was their position and that was the argument and she won that argument in court. Ancel Glink the ones that you are saying are the best things ever is advising that Cities should have legislative counsel. Comments from the audience and Alderman Dyer said ok you want transparency than let's have some. He asked Kari how many tiers of lawyer does Ancel Glink have. She responded 3, we have equity partner, partners, associates and we have of counsel so 4. He asked which ones charge the most and she responded the equity partners and partners generally sometime it is equal it depends on the clients. So, of all the attorney's that work at Ancel Glink you have been sent and so has Margaret so which one are you? Kari responded with equity Partner and Margaret is also an equity Partner. Alderman Dyer said so we have appointed Ancel Glink and for the benefit of the City you have sent 2 of your most expensive lawyers to deal with us. She responded that our rates are all the same for all of our lawyers, he said that is not what you just said and she said it depends on the client. What are your fees and she said \$245 an hour. He asked her where she lived and she replied in the Village of Oswego, he said so not in the Quad Cities and she said no sir but I did graduate from

Augustana. He said I teach there it is a good school. So, your response time is not as good as someone who lives here and when the union asks questions like where do you spend your money do you buy John Deere things, those are the kinds of questions the union likes to ask, are you supporting local are you spending local are you creating jobs local, is the money staying here. She said we do have an office in Moline and he asked what can we expect from billing just because you drove here today and she said we do not charge for travel time across the state and he asked how much did you charge the City of Moline for your services during someone's tenure, she told him she didn't know and she could get him that information. Mayor said you all charged over \$700,000 in a year and a half time, she said ok she has no idea what the legal needs of the City of Moline where at that time and I don't think the City of Silvis's are the same. It is a ton of money, Allison charged \$150. The audience had comments like, mine charges \$400 and my Dr. charges \$200 for an office visit. The local attorney's do not charge Chicago dollars, Alderman Dyer had to ask for order and Mayor had to call order. The lawyers around here do not charge that much money, part of my main point is that Ancel Glink charges so much more than other lawyers around here. That money would go to someone who lives in our community, supports our community, shops in our community is a part of our community and has skin in the game in our community. That is not the case with Ancel Glink. One more question I definitely have is how long should we expect to endure you as temporary counsel? She said that the Mayor does plan to establish a process to quickly get permanent counsel, I believe the Mayor will present that to you and my advice to him is to fill the position quickly and establish a process with the Council. I would love if I had a second opinion, I am looking for fair and legal advice. Fair representation the ability to have a second opinion, we have always worked well together before, until a few months ago we were cursing along with our progress, we have been building our parks, bringing in businesses, we have not had to increase our tax rate since 1989, we have been doing well in Silvis. Mayor Matt had to call order. We have leveraged our resources to make sure these projects and companies have come in and improve the city. Mayor Matt had to call order. All the other communities around us have had to increase taxes and we have not we have been doing well. Even Tom Dwyer a reporter was saying East Moline, Reggie Freeman would kill to have what we got and he is embarrassed that Silvis is out classing them. The City of Silvis is doing well and we have always work together as a Council for as long as I have been on it. Unfortunately, the Mayor has been engaged in some poor behavior. Mayor had to call order again. What happen the other day is heartbreaking to me, I get no pleasure from it but given the allegations, the City Council had to act appropriately to protect the work environment, and make sure it is healthy and safe for everyone. That is what this Council has done. My God can we please get some order or at least have the person removed if that is what they are going to continue to do. Mayor Carter asked him not to use the Lords name in vain. Alderman Dyer again said that the City Council has done well and suddenly all this is happening we just want fair representation and the ability to have a second opinion when necessary.

Alderman Larry York said he is not going to argue there could be a case made for an ordinance of this type this is not the ordinance. We need to sit down and have a working committee, I don't even know who wrote this. We need to go back to committee and it is Kathy's committee and go over it and make it right, this is not the document we want to approve tonight. And with that I am going to shut up. The Mayor asked where the original document came from, Nevada who presented the original document. Alderman Dyer asked Nevada to draft it. Nevada said she drafted a copy that was sent to Keri and she drafted it. Mayor asked who the original came from and Nevada said she drafted it from an example that she was sent and directed to do from

Alderman Dyer and Alderman Lohse, which the ordinance says that personal can-do ordinance supplement with the direction of Council. Alderwoman Hall said she believes this has not gone through committee has it and it has not according to Alderman York. Mayor asked if under normal circumstances would this have gone through committee and the answer is yes.

Alderman York said that he has still not seen in writing a hard copy of what the Mayor did and the Mayor told him we were getting off track.

Alderman Trulson asked if the reason it didn't go through committee is because we felt there was an urgency to it. Mayor said that if you pass this ordinance they still can't do any city business, by passing this – Alderman Trulson said you are mistaking me for others and I cannot speak for Rick, I can't speak for Bob or Kathy all I can speak for is me. As of right now, you as Mayor are the only one who can get a second opinion for legal advice. We cannot and as I have said earlier we have gotten different legal advice from our current temporary and our previous 2 attorney's and we are looking for the same opportunity as you as the Mayor for a second opinion. Ladies and Gentlemen, I have tried to be as respectful to you and all I am asking for is the same. Mayor had to call order again. Trulson said once again because of the situation we are in which is not normal we are looking for a chance for a second opinion. Mayor Carter asked if you were afraid of her and Alderman David Smith said yes. Trulson said he doesn't know if he can believe her because her opinion differs from previous counsel. The Mayor said and some of those previous council said it was ok for 3 people to be in a room and Trulson said I am not getting into that and Alderman Lohse said that is the noise. Trulson is only trying for transparency this is why I am asking for this because of the situation we are in right now I feel this is urgent, Larry you wanted to know what committee it should go through in other city municipalities it would go through ordinance. In our bylaws it would come under ordinance so if you are asking what committee would look for it that is ordinance I am not trying to be disrespectful to anyone, I am just trying to answer why I am looking at it this way.

Alderman Smith said you heard me say yes and I am not a big fan and my kid is a lawyer, especially after the emails we got. I am the new guy here and I am learning as I go and I went to MIL and I learned from you guys but I am confused by a lot of things. I feel that we need another presence and so we don't have to do this all over again I am going to ask you, do we have to go through ordinance to do this or can we do this today? Larry said there are some things that are not on this and I don't want to do this over and over again so I am asking you if everything in place that we can do this today. Keri-Lyn said that your City code doesn't require you to go through committee first, you can vote on it tonight if you wanted too. She asked the Mayor if she could address the Council.

Keri-Lyn said it is nice to meet you all and it is in this fashion but one thing I want to say is that it is healthy to have a governing body with different viewpoints and points of view. If you have a Council with 9 people saying the same thing than 8 people are unnecessary, so I am not afraid to answer the hard questions and address all the questions you have raised. One thing I will say is that not one Alderman has picked up the phone to ask me any questions. One thing I want you to know and find funny is that my law firm invented the position of legislative counsel in the 1990's. In the 1990's there were a lot of wars in many municipalities and who has the power, is it the Mayor or the Council and the first case that talked about all these powers was Opeckus verses Lawco and in that case the Council was trying to remove some of the powers of the Mayor and the court said you can't really do it, it is a management type of government here and a couple of years later there was the Westmount Landahan case and in that case was the first one to show legislative power over the Council and you are right Alderman Dyer, in that case it does say that the legislative body cannot hire the attorney for the City. What you can do

however, and there is a case that no one has cited and it was called Sampson versus Graves and it is actually the case that talks about Legislative Counsel it was the City of Harvey and I am actually the attorney for the City of Harvey right now. In that case the Mayor said wait a minute the Council appointed legislative counsel and they are encroaching on the appointment of the Mayor; the Mayor doesn't control everything here the legislative counsel plays an important role here and if they want independent counsel advice with the respect of their legislative duties they are entitled to that. So yes, you are entitled to that in situations where it is warranted however, that is in your legislative compacity it comes to the point of directing the cities legal work so that is why I said the City Council can't hire attorneys to represent the City without the Mayor. You can hire legislative counsel. You know I am up to the challenge of winning you guys over, I am a former public official myself, I use to be a township trustee and at one point I was hired by a board that was saying the same thing you guys are saying. The supervisor brought you in we are not going to work with you, ultimately the supervisor fired us and it was the trustees that were against us that ended up wanting us to stay. We understand all of the different roles in the municipal government and while my name is on this handbook here, it is not always this handbook that I turn too. There is another book I look to sometimes and what that book says is at Romans 12: 18 If it is possible if it depends on me live peacefully with each other and that really is the best advice that I can give the Council here and it real sounds like everyone wants to work together here. I think there was a miscommunication and some of these relationships have been around for a long time. With that there are 3 different versions of this before you today and I think we need to have clarification on which one we are talking about. So, there is the original version that the City Administrator sent out, I sent a changed version with highlights and if I can go through those changes just so when you pass it in a legal fashion. I will leave this decision up to the Council if you want to pass it but I want to tell you how to do it legally if you want to pass it. As you can see I replaced some of the language on City Council with Alderpersons and I took out where it referred to President and things like that. I guess the major changes I made were on the second page with the respect to what the role of legislative council is so here is where you have to be careful, if you are seeking advice from legislative counsel the lawyer you are using is advising you relating to that role and not directing the Cities legal work. I took out one of the things that says representation of the corporate authority regarding legislative matters and litigations because that would actually be something that the City attorney would do. Now if the Council decides that you have a situation where you get sued for pollution control issues and you feel like the City Attorney office doesn't have the capability to do that, the City Council with the Mayor would always have the ability to hire a different law firm to represent your interests if you feel that attorneys are incompetent to do that. That is why I removed that sentence though. Here is the other thing and we kind of learned this, I told you that this body of law started in the 1990's and what we have had now is the benefit of 30 years of learning where it hasn't worked for other communities. There have been situations where the board has created legislative counsel and you have one renegade Alderman, who wants to run up legal bills and ask a ton of questions of the legislative counsel where even the rest of the Council doesn't agree with that, so I put in here when authorized by a majority vote of the City Council than you can go to legislative counsel. For example, the Village of Lisle has a legislative counsel ordinance right now and what they do is you know what we want a second opinion on this let's have the Council vote to send this to legislative counsel, they refer to legislative counsel and it is clearly defined what the opinion is. This helps keep the clock from ticking so there are controls over how much is being spent, otherwise you could have council calling legislative counsel everyday asking them questions. Alderman Rick Lohse wanted to know if that was a

good idea. What happens if a couple of Alderman want to go to legislative counsel and some others are like no, is that a situation that comes up? Keri-Lyn said that is why she included it because it has come up in municipality before. Alderman Lohse said so what your saying is that we would have to vote and go 5/3 then it is a go but what if it doesn't pass and those others need the counsel. She said you can word this in a different way, like for example you could say if 3, this doesn't have to be in there but I thought it help. Alderman Lohse said that if any of us want to engage in legislative counsel we would have to go for a vote and get majority vote of us 8 and say yes, Kathy can go talk to legislative counsel. So, do we want majority, 2 or 3? I think less than majority and if less than 2 or 3 people want to go then they can go get that representation. Alderman Lohse agreed with him but this is not the document we want and Alderman Lohse told Larry we are editing the document. So, it sounds like the question in front of us is how many. Keri-Lyn said she doesn't know what the urgency is so if you want to take this to committee and knock out some of these issues you can. You don't want to violate the Open Meetings Act and so. Alderman Trulson said he doesn't have an issue with getting the majority to do it my concern is on page 2, he was cut off and Alderman Lohse asked how do we proceed and what is the timeline for everyone. We make some edits to this and we pass it tonight. ... she said if you pass it tonight for an ordinance to become effective, the Mayor needs to sign it or the Mayor needs to veto it, if he passes tonight and he signs it you can proceed with this immediately. If edited you make a motion to amend it and you pass as amended. Alderwoman Hall asked if you can pass it without a committee meeting and Keri-Lyn said if they want to amend it tonight they can do so tonight and vote on it tonight and it becomes active after the Mayor signs it or if he veto's it, you have to wait for the veto period to end. The actions of the Council can make this happen tonight. Alderman Trulson said that his only concern that he sees is when authorized by the Mayor and majority of the Council or Alderpersons. Keri-Lyn told him he was looking in a different section. There are 2 sections on the ordinance. The first section is talking about legislative counsel and the second section is additional counsel. Legislative counsel is where you are talking about the Council wanting to get legal representation, so that one we do not have the Mayor on and you have to ability to hire one without the Mayor, the second section would include the Mayor and would be counsel for the City. The second section would be for a specialty lawyer like the pollution lawyer we talked about earlier. Alderman Lohse wanted to rephrase this, we have legislative counsel, and the environmental issue comes up and our legislative counsel can't handle that question, so we would like to go talk to an environmental attorney, that environmental attorney we could go to and get the answer we want. Keri-Lyn said it is a little different and said if you want to hire someone to represent you in those legislative functions that is fine, if you pass this ordinance you can do that. You can't hire an attorney for the City without both branches approving that hire. Most of your legal issues should come from the City Attorney's office if you feel like you need a legislative attorney that is fine but the City gets sued and you need another opinion and the City Attorney can't handle it maybe your legislative attorney can and you want to hand that over to them, bring it before the Mayor and if the Mayor agrees than that lawyer can represent you. Alderman Lohse is confused and wants it not in lawyers' terms. Keri-Lyn tries to explain it in another way. Nevada tells Rick that the legislative counsel would serve just the Council, the additional council would be if it is a specialized situation for the City. Keri-Lyn said this ordinance is really doing 2 different things and maybe that is why it is confusing. The first part is just talking about legislative counsel and the second part is talking about specialized counsel for the City. Alderman York doesn't think we can solve this tonight and Alderman Lohse thinks we can. Alderman Trulson said we are looking at amending the draft that Keri-Lyn made changes to and that is the one we are editing and

changing. He then asked Larry if he was wanting to make a motion to table this or send it back to committee.

Motion:

Alderman Larry York made a motion to take this back to Ordinance committee. Alderwoman Kathy Hall seconded the motion.

Vote:

Members Present: Tony Trulson-Yes, Larry York-Yes, Kathy Hall-Yes, Rick Lohse No, David Smith No, Joshua Dyer No, Bob Rockwell No

Absent: Ian Pavelonis

Motion not carried 3 ayes 4 nays

Alderman Smith said he wants to do this because she is here and can answer our questions.

Keri-Lyn asked if there were changes that they want to make to this. Alderman Lohse asked her a question and said you heard us or me tonight and I am going to go on a leap of faith here and does this say what you think I asked for. Keri-Lyn said you are asking me to read your mind but if what you are trying to do is control the Cities legal work the legislative branch can never do that. Alderman Lohse says he is not trying to do that. Then if you are just trying to get access to an attorney yes this is what you want on a legislative level. By the way, the Mayor's lawyer called me today and he doesn't like this, he wanted changed to this and I didn't make them because actually, he was trying to take away too many of the legislative branches' powers. I am the City attorney, his lawyer had issues with the paragraph that said Council can make changes to contracts and he wanted some of the other things you can do taken out of there but I believe this accurately reflects what the legislative branch can appropriately seek legal advice on and not encroaching on the City attorney's powers. Alderman Lohse said he was going to ask one more question and then shut up. Why would Matt's attorney contact you in regard to this? She said because he is representing the Mayor and he felt this encroached upon the powers of the Mayor. Alderman had questions on why the Mayors attorney would call her and she told them that I represent the City and not the Mayor he hired his own personal attorney to help him and they only work for the City of Silvis not the Mayor. Just like you guys want an attorney to represent the legislators he wants an attorney to represent him as the Executive branch, I don't do that I am the attorney for the City. Alderman Dyer said so he has gone and hired someone for the Mayor and we have no idea what he charges and now the City is now paying for that attorney. Alderman Hall said no, and Alderman Lohse asked who is paying that bill and Alderman York said he is paying him out of his own pocket he even said he was paying him by the foot. Alderwomen Hall wants to make a change to section 2 where the City may hire additional counsel when it is opinion or additional counsel is necessary can we say specialized like an example of environmental because to me it sounds a little unclear but I like your idea of the EPA type of lawyer. All agreed and then Alderman Dyer asked about the majority of the Council for the legislative counsel that again the Open Meetings Act is our sticking point there. Alderman Lohse says we should lessen it from majority to something else. Alderman York said that the advice should be given to the full Council not just those who want it. Alderman Lohse says he trust everyone in this room that the power is not going to be abused for legislative counsel that is a safeguard against that so if Larry is going to legislative counsel and racking up a whole bunch of bills I trust that he is not going to do that. I can't trust Alderpersons 4 or 5 years down the road not to do that. Do we want to put some kind of safeguard in as a 1 or 2-person vote? I can go as low as 2. Keri-Lyn said you might want to designate 1 per dominate person to funnel the questions going to legislative counsel because otherwise, everyone can go to legislative counsel. So, what you might want to say is if 3 people want to notify counsel they

need to notify Alderperson X because that way you don't have an Open meeting act violation if they are meeting 1 on 1 it is not a meeting and channeled through one person. Alderwoman Hall said right now there is a Chairman of each committee with 3 persons on the committee, so going to Chairman seems logical. I agree with that. Keri Lyn said you should think through how you want this to work. Alderman York just wants everyone to know what the council says in the end to all Alderpersons. Alderman Lohse say vote of 2 and anyone can contact. Alderwoman Hall says right now if we have a committee meeting and we have 3 on a committee and 2 agree and 1 doesn't agree it still passes. Alderman York says he is saying 2 out of 8 for the vote. Keri Lyn said so for paragraph 3 where I have when authorized by a majority vote of City Council, we take out that and it will say Alderpersons should each be authorized to direct questions of their legislative duties to legislative counsel when 2 Alderpersons agree. We can take out the second thing I added in that paragraph and it would say the City Council may seek legal counsel for any legal matters when item specified above. Alderwoman Hall said she is still bothered by the opinion of such additional counsel necessary, I would say special. Keri Lyn said she thinks those changes would be legal, the City still has to make policy decisions on to whether or not legislative counsel is needed. If you want to do it than and Alderwoman Hall said that she is thinking in simple terms, we just can't say I don't agree with the City Attorney and we are going to get another opinion, it is like if Mom says no let's go ask dad. Keri Lyn said this would permit it. We are talking about getting a second opinion with only 2 Alderpersons. Alderman Lohse says that anytime that 2 Alderman agree that 1 Alderman needs to get clarification from the legislative counsel that allows that. Mayor said there is not a lot of oversight when it comes to that? Alderman Lohse says that us tonight have been ok so there have been 3 of us but what could happen tonight is that there is 8 of us and certain Council members wanted to go to the legislative attorney and say is this on the up and up and we could be blocked from doing that because of this vote, it would have to go to a majority to do that. So, what we are saying is lower that threshold and trust us to do the right thing to use the legislative counsel and trust us to use it appropriately and judiciously that is what this vote is about. It is access to the legal counsel that we are after. Alderman York says as long as they inform the rest of the Council the decision has already been made. Alderman Lohse said absolutely regardless of who it comes from, the answer from the legislative counsel will get distributed to the Council, that is the oversight. The Mayor said and that is with the assumption that the 2 are working in Good Faith for the 8. Alderman Lohse said with the base question with the assumption that everyone on the Council is working in the best interest of the City of Silvis. You have to make that assumption and if you can't make that assumption then all hell breaks loose. Alderman Dyer said so in review where we are at. It sounds like we are approaching and understand that we will eventually need a motion for the movement. So, when approached by at least 2 members of the City Council the Alderperson shall each be authorized to direct questions to the dot dot dot. Alderman Lohse likes this and Alderman Dyer said the bottom sounds like Kathy would like the word changed to the City Council may engage additional counsel whenever in its opinion such specialized counsel is necessary when authorized by the Mayor and all Council. Alderwomen Hall said or if the Legislative Counsel says or recommends going to another counsel. If there is a problem with the EPA and they are not up on the latest they would suggest another counsel. Alderman Dyer said and then we would invoke this clause and hire additional specialized counsel. Counsel should be retained as a private contractor can we change that to should be considered jointly hired. Keri-Lyn said the person either has to be an employee, officer or an independent contractor so it would more appropriately be an independent contractor. Alderman Dyers concern there is that they would be hired by the Mayor and the majority of the Alderpersons but

then can be removed by just the Mayor. Keri-Lyn said not if they are hired by both and Alderman Dyer said that you said to us already that independent contractors than Mayor can fire them at will. Keri-Lyn said it was because that independent contractor was never hired by Council, if you have minutes to show even though we reviewed all the minutes and couldn't find anything on that. Alderman Lohse said for this discussion independent contractors don't mean what it meant then for this discussion. Alderman Dyer said that you are arguing that if they are jointly hired then the Mayor cannot fire. Keri-Lyn said there are other conditions opposed by law also, they can't exceed the term of the Mayor or you need to rehire them again. That is under the Illinois Municipal code so even if they were jointly hired if they weren't rehired again after the term of the Mayor but yah, the source of the law that this comes from is section 8-1-7 of the Municipal code which gives you contracting power. The contracting section says the Council may hire people, you can contract with people but that involves the vote of the Mayor and the Council. Alderwomen Hall says like our Engineering Firms that we vote on. Those are independent. Alderman Dyer said if they are hired jointly they must be removed jointly. Keri-Lyn said yes unless the contractor exceeds the term of the mayor. Then you have to reauthorize. Alderman Dyer asked if anyone has any more suggestions for wording or issues. Alderman York wanted to clarify on that if 2 people hire them then they are not going to be hanging around here, it is for a specific task. They fly in here do their thing and leave, unless we need them again. They will not be on retainer. Alderman Dyer said the way I understand it is we would have legislative counsel when 2 Alderpersons approached them as needed we would be able to for legislative counsel for the additional counsel the majority of the Council and the Mayor can find specialized counsel for special situations. Keri-Lyn asked if you want to add the provision in here also that the legislative counsel will render an answer to everybody? Alderman Lohse said he thinks so yes. Keri-Lyn asked in writing so that everybody has the answer. It would go to all Council and not the Mayor. So, at the end of the sentence The City Council may seek legal counsel regarding any matters within the range of items specified above shall provide a written opinion on the issues to the entire City Council or to all the Alderman? She said it is the best thing because what happens to us sometimes is that we get phone calls that say oh so and so said it was one thing and this person says it is another. It is better if it is in writing so there is no confusion as to what the answer is. Mayor Matt wanted to know if this is going to give a path to 1 legislative counsel or can 2 deem a counsel to consult and then another 2 can go to different counsel. Alderman Lohse said no, it gives access to 1 legislative counsel. Keri-Lyn says once the position is created then there would be a separate vote to designate who the legislative counsel is. Alderwomen Hall wanted to clarify this, if 2 Alderman want to hire additional counsel they cannot do it and others answered yes that is correct. So, what can those 2 Alderpersons do? Keri-Lyn said they can ask for an opinion on legislative functions of the City Council. Alderwoman Hall said an opinion from whom and Keri-Lyn said from their legislative counsel that you would deem. Nevada said that the Council as a whole would retain an attorney together and then 2 of the Council will ask questions if needed. That is where you would see charges if they ask a question but no charges would come in if you don't use them.

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to move the amended ordinance page 2 paragraph 3 under section 2-115 to delete when authorized by majority vote of the Council and to add to end of that section when authorized by at least 2 members of the City Council. I added in the answer will be in writing for all Alderpersons and we put in specialized. Motion seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson with all the amendments.

Vote:

Members Present: Tony Trulson-Yes, Larry York-Yes, Kathy Hall-Yes, Rick Lohse-Yes, David Smith-Yes, Joshua Dyer-Yes, Bob Rockwell-Yes

Absent: Ian Pavelonis

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to suspend the rules to consider Ordinance 2023-05.

Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Motion carried via voice vote:

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to adopted Ordinance 2023-05 as amended. Motion seconded by Alderman Rick Lohse.

Vote:

Members Present: Tony Trulson-Yes, Larry York-Yes, Kathy Hall-Yes, Rick Lohse-Yes, David Smith-Yes, Joshua Dyer-Yes, Bob Rockwell-Yes

Absent: Ian Pavelonis

Motion carried 7 ayes 0 nays

B) Retaining Legislative Counsel

Alderman Dyer asked the Mayor if he is going to sign the above because if he signs we don't need this. Mayor said he is going to review this and he is questioning the expenditures.

Alderman Dyer suggested we remove this from the agenda for now. Alderwomen Hall said she would recommend that since the previous special counsel has not turned over the minutes of that private meeting and has also left the Council Chambers which is against the code of Ordinances. I like the idea of removing it. Alderman York said there are rumors that the Labor attorney took a recording home with her and it should have stayed in house. Mayor Matt said we are going off track here and Alderman Lohse said what does that have to do with what is going on here.

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Motion seconded by Alderman David Smith.

Motion carried via voice vote:

C) Amendment to SCO Chapter 2, Article 3, Division 7 "City Attorney"

Keri-Lyn wanted to know what you're trying to accomplish with this because right now what this say is that the City Attorney should be the legal advisor of the City and show render verbal or written advice on all legal matters of the City whenever requested by the City Official and this removes that. So, people cannot get advice from the City Attorney? Mayor Matt asked if this was the reason you passed the other one than so you can Ying for yang? Is that what this is or what? Alderman Dyer said he is not sure and Mayor Matt said well you just requested it. Alderman Dyer said that the idea of this changes the direction of the Cities on who has guidance there and who can approach and who can direct the City Attorney in certain ways. Keri-Lyn said regardless of what your City Code has, the Illinois Municipal Code establishes the procedure for legal representation of Municipalities right so what you are removing here is for the City Council to get legal advice from the City Attorney. I am just trying to figure out why you would want to do that. Mayor Matt said so are you forcing your hand to go to a private counsel then is that what this is? Your taking legal counsel away from yourself and therefore you doing what you said in the Ordinance for consultation is that what your plan is? Alderman Dyer asked for a minute. Keri-Lyn said if you tell me what you are trying to fix I can help you try to fix it. Alderman Dyer said that the primary motivation here is to see how the City Attorney gets

directed. When that is at what point would their opinion be requested kind of thing. To give some direction for that. For example, upon request of the Council has been shifted for example in #2 upon request of the Council draft or supervise the phraseology of a contract, lease or other document whereas the City as a party and draft ordinance covering any subjects within the power of the City. Keri-Lyn asked so if the Mayor wants a contract he can't direct the City Council to do that? Mayor Matt said it looks like a bait and switch. Alderman Trulson said neither can the City Administrator or the City Clerk or any Department Head. Keri-Lyn said so let me give you an example of something that came up in another Municipality that happened a couple of weeks ago. There was a big fire in town and the Mayor wanted to know if he could use City to help people temporarily displaced because of the fire and he called and asked our opinion on that and we gave him our opinion. This is saying what that the Council has to approve, so if this isn't urgent, there are many different City ordinances that we can work on and you put that in your ordinance committee and you can define what that would be, being respectful of the City Council as a whole and the Mayors rights and your rights. If this isn't urgent I would recommend that the Council go through your normal ordinance committee and we will do it legally. Alderman Smith asked if Keri-Lyn was available to attend the ordinance committee and she said maybe I should move to the Quad Cities and she asked when it is and she could zoom in as well. She has a 14-year-old who is predominantly being raised by wolves right now. I am sure that Tom has a lot of questions for the City Attorney that don't concern us and he shouldn't have to go through us. Police Chief spoke saying how it works now is if we pay the City Attorney a flat fee for their services, as for ordinances we copy someone else and send it to the attorney and we tweak it and pass the ordinances small minor things but I don't come to anyone to do that. I guess that would be my clarification on that if we start doing this we may have some issue with getting things done. Alderman Dyer said he thinks there are some concerns but he thinks we can go back and rethink some of those. We can remove this from the agenda and go back to committee.

Motion:

Alderman Joshua Dyer made a motion to remove this item from the agenda. Motion seconded by Alderman Larry York.

Motion carried via voice vote:

5) Call for adjournment from the Special City Council Meeting.

Mayor Matt Carter said if there was no more business to bring before the 23 February 2023 Special City Council Meeting, he would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion:

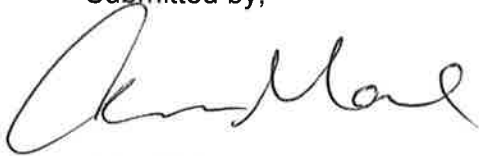
Alderman Larry York made a motion to adjourn from the 23 February 2023 Special City Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tony Trulson.

Vote:

Motion carried via voice vote:

23 February 2023 Special City Council Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm

Submitted by,



Amy Malmstrom
City Clerk