

**Minutes of the Veneta City Council
Special Meeting
Wednesday - January 21, 2009**

Present: Mayor Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Darrell Carman, Marion Esty and Sandra Larson
Others: Ric Ingham, City Administrator; and Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder
Candidates: John Welsh, Sherry Hunter, and Tim Brooker

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hobart-Hardin called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. and reviewed the interview process with the Council. She provided the Council with eight questions and explained that all of the candidates need to be asked the same questions and will be instructed to be as specific as possible. After giving an answer, the Council may ask candidates for clarification or to be more specific. Interviews will be limited to 30 minutes.

City Administrator Ric Ingham said the second step will be for the Council to hold deliberations immediately following the interviews to discuss each candidate and hopefully appoint one to fill the vacancy. The newly appointed Councilor will be sworn into office at the beginning of the next Council meeting. Candidates are invited to attend the deliberations.

2. COUNCIL TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS

The Council interviewed the following applicants, John Welsh, Sherry Hunter, and Tim Brooker.

3. COUNCIL DELIBERATION

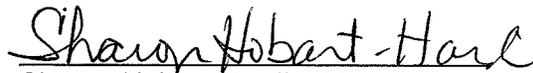
The Council discussed all three candidates. The consensus of the Council was that all three candidates were viable, each having their own strengths. They all agreed that Tim Brooker had the most experience having served as Mayor for 18 years. They felt his knowledge of the City's infrastructure and budget is very important during these difficult economic times. They all agreed that John Welsh and Sherry Hunter both had leadership experience and would be very capable of serving. The Councilors were pleased with the number of candidates who applied for the vacancy and expressed a hope that more citizens will run for election.

MOTION: Marion Esty made a motion to appoint Tim Brooker to fill the City Council vacancy. Sandra Larson seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote of 4-0.

The Council asked staff to extend an invitation to John Welsh and Sherry Hunter to apply for other City committees.

4. ADJOURN

Mayor Hobart-Hardin adjourned the City Council at 7:00 p.m.


Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sheryl Hackett, City Recorder
(minutes prepared by SHackett)