

SPECIAL CALL ED MEETING - October 8, 2020

The Mayor and City Council meet in regular session on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.. in the Council Chambers of City Hall at 114 West Sycamore Street. Mayor Ed Hatley called the meeting to order. The following members were in attendance:

WHITE

WATSON

EADDY

JETTON

Councilman White made the motion to enter into Closed Session to discuss personnel in accordance with NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Members voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Councilman Watson arrived at 9:02 a.m. He was not present for the vote to enter Closed Session.

Upon returning to regular session, Mayor Ed Hatley announced the retirement of City Manager Steve Zickefoose, with his last day being December 31st, 2020. Mayor Hatley announced the new City Manager, Mr. Richard Haynes, with Council members voting 4-0 in favor of the motion. He informed that Mr. Haynes will continue in his current role as Assistant City Manager until January 1st, 2021, at which time he will step into his new role as City Manager.

Mayor Ed Hatley acknowledged Councils appreciation for the five (5) years he has served at the City Manager and for his time as Finance Officer for the City of Lincolnton. Mayor Hatley stated, "We could not have made the changes that Lincolnton has gone through without you. And we want to express to you our continued and sincere appreciation for everything that you have done."

Mayor Hatley pointed out that because Mr. Zickefoose is both the City Manager and the Finance Officer, the Finance Officer position will need to be filled. Council has directed Mr. Haynes to begin the process of filling this

position, to allow adequate training time for both positions to ensure a smooth transition.

Councilman Eaddy spoke to all of the “behind the scenes” work that has taken place over the past five years, stating that the average citizen will never know how Steve’s leadership has revolutionized the way the City of Lincoln does business. Councilman Eaddy stated, “As a life-long resident, I will be eternally grateful for what you have done.

Mayor Hatley opened the floor for questions. In response to a question from Michelle Bernard, Lincoln Times News, Mayor Hatley explained the Assistant City Manager position will be eliminated, and a Finance Officer will be hire, which is a traditional organizational structure.

Councilman Jetton voiced his appreciation for his hard work and the great job he has done.

ADJOURNMENT :

Councilman Eaddy made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Members voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

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CITY CLERK**

**ED HATLEY
MAYOR**