

CITY OF POMEROY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

August 2, 2024

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Call to Order: called to order at 5:30 P.M. by Mayor C Loots.

Roll Call: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Absent: none.

Pledge of Allegiance

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: C Charleston made a motion, seconded by M Becker, to approve the agenda. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Community Building: Mayor Loots read the settlement agreement with Byron Stuart. A motion was made by B Hinners seconded by M Becker to approve the settlement agreement as presented to the Council. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, C Charleston and M Becker. Nays: B Thoma and D DeVore. Motion Carried. Mayor Loots read Resolution #416. A motion was made by C Charleston seconded by B Hinners approving Resolution #416 the intent to sell real property, setting a hearing on the sale and authorizing the publication of notice of hearing for the Community building. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, C Charleston and M Becker. Nays: B Thoma and D DeVore. Motion Carried. Mayor Loots read Resolution #417. A motion was made by M Becker seconded by C Charleston approving Resolution #417 the intent to sell real property, setting a hearing on the sale and authorizing the publication of notice of hearing for the lots on Ontario St to J & K Leasing. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, B Thoma, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: none. Motion Carried. Mayor Loots read Resolution #418. A motion was made by D DeVore seconded by C Charleston approving Resolution #418 the intent to sell real property, setting a hearing on the sale and authorizing the publication of notice of hearing for 413 & 415 Ontario St to Thoma Rentals. Roll call: Ayes: B Hinners, C Charleston, D DeVore and M Becker. Nays: none. Motion Carried. B Thoma abstained due to conflict of interest.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Multiple residents spoke up against the sale of the Community Building to Byron Stuart. Among the comments made were: where else can the community gather, why sell the building at all, what is the fair market for the building, did the Council take the proper process to sell the building, what stops the Council from selling other assets of the City, where will people go to vote, why cant the community vote on the decision to sell the property, don't feel the Council is being transparent and will Byron's insurance cover if the community still hosts events in the building. One resident stated they have the community building booked for Thanksgiving and Byron has told them they can still host their event there.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:13 P.M.

_____ Cynthia Loots, Mayor

_____ Sarah Juilfs, City Clerk