

A called meeting was held by Grovetown City Council on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Gary Jones, Councilwoman Vickie Cook, Councilman Dennis O. Trudeau, Councilman Eric Blair, Councilwoman Sylvia Martin, City Attorney Brendan Fleming, City Administrator Shirley Beasley, and Acting City Clerk Roxanne Brown.

1.

Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Gary Jones called the meeting to order and acknowledged a quorum.

2.

Invocation

Councilman Eric Blair led the invocation.

3.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Gary Jones led the pledge of allegiance.

4.

Approval of Agenda

Councilman Trudeau made the motion to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Cook seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carried.

5.

Appoint Special City Attorney

Councilman Trudeau made the motion to approve the appointment of John R. B. Long, PC, to represent the Council to act and serve as an attorney for Council for the purpose of investigating certain claims presented to members of the Council, gathering information and testimony, as allowed by the City's Charter, and making a report and recommendation to the Council based upon the results of that investigation. The rates for Mr. Long will be up to \$300 per hour plus travel and expenses. Councilwoman Cook seconded the motion.

During the discussion, Councilwoman Martin said that she was asked to find out why the city attorney could not handle this matter.

Mayor Jones and Councilman Blair asked Councilman Trudeau why a special attorney was needed and what the complaints were.

Following a lengthy discussion, Councilwoman Martin said that she was approached by a city employee that voiced concerns about the working conditions and felt he was working in a hostile environment.

Mr. Long addressed the council and indicated that he had not been told why or what he was being asked to investigate.

At the end of the discussion, Councilman Trudeau and Councilwoman Cook voted in favor of the motion, with Councilwoman Martin and Councilman Blair voting against the motion. Mayor Jones voted against the motion breaking the tie.

Adjourn

Councilman Trudeau made the motion to adjourn. Councilwoman Cook seconded the motion, all in favor and motion carried.

Gary Jones, Mayor

Dennis Trudeau, Mayor Pro-tem

Vickie Cook, Council

Sylvia Martin, Council

Eric Blair, Council

Roxanne Brown, Acting City Clerk

Shirley Beasley, City Administrator