

Minutes of the special council meeting held December 07, 2023, at 6:00pm. Present council members Joe Buffington, Austin Miller, Rachel Teel-Vanderpool, Ted Teel and Mary Moore. Mayor Sally Rodriguez, Public Works Director Josh Ferkel, City Attorney William McCullough, and Deputy City Clerk Judy Blessing were present.

Meeting called to order at 6:00p.m. by Mayor Rodriguez.

Mayor Rodriguez stated that Chuck Kinkennon had signed a waiver denying the request for a closed meeting.

Mayor Rodriguez explained the contract that Chuck Kinkennon signed when he was offered the job less than 6 months ago. Item number 7 on the list was to get his CDL within the 6-month probation period.

Kinkennon explained that he received his permit and medical certificate which he needed to move on to get his CDL license. On October 6, 2023, he uploaded medical records and driver's license. He was to hear back within 7-10 days. 3 weeks later he was denied because of them not being able to read his driver's license. He tried to reschedule, and they ended up calling him while he was at work, out of town, and was not able to make that deadline. He stated that the DMV had changed the way they were dealing with CDL license, and he was pushed back to December 1, 2023. He finally got enrolled in a class that will take place December 11-21. First week is Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 2:30 pm. The second week is Monday – Thursday 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Ted Teel said that the council had worked with, or tried to work with, Zach Carson on his CDL license and they should work with Kinkennon. Teel motioned to give Kinkennon more time to get his CDL license.

Attorney William McCullough stated that they should set a date on when he needs to have it done. After his probation period, Kinkennon will be backed by the Union. They should have everything set in writing.

Teel asked Kinkennon if he would graduate by December 21, 2023.

Kinkennon said yes.

Rachel Teel-Vanderpool said they should only give him until the January council meeting which will be held on January 8, 2024. She asked if he would have his license on December 21, 2023, after class.

Kinkennon said he would have to take the test after his graduation from the class.

Teel rescinded his motion to say he motioned to give Kinkennon until February 12, 2024, to get his CDL license and that he will use duty time to do his training, December 11-21, 2023.

Seconded by Buffington. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Moore to adjourn at 6:15pm. Seconded by Teel. Carried unanimously.