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The White Bluff Town Council met in special session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2024, at White Bluff Town Hall. Present were Council members Linda Hayes, Connie Reed, Carl Kincaid, Scott Glover, Bryan Hill, and Stephanie Murrell. Also present included Town Recorder Melody Lewis, Town Attorney Andrew Mills, Projects Administrator and Public Works Director Jeff Martin, Police Chief Chris Fulcher, Court Clerk Dixie Kerr and members of the public.

Mayor Linda Hayes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Pledge to the Flag was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

No one registered to speak.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Mayor Linda Hayes asked Town Attorney Andrew Mills to review the purpose of the special session – to appoint a temporary Judge for the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee – and to review the appointment procedure.

Attorney Mills reminded the Council that Town of White Bluff Municipal Judge Diann Smithson has temporarily stepped away from her duties due to health concerns. With this development, it falls to the Town Council to appoint a temporary replacement for Municipal Judge. Mills also reviewed the criteria to be considered a Judge in White Bluff, Tennessee.

The appointment procedure is two-fold. First, the Mayor calls for nominations. Once all nominations have been recorded, the Council will state by roll call vote, the candidate's name they support. Once a nominee secures a majority vote of the Council, the appointment process is complete.

Once nominations were called for, Mayor Linda Hayes nominated Leonard Belmares for temporary Municipal Judge. No other nominations were voiced. The nomination portion of the process was then closed. To record the vote, Town Recorder Melody Lewis called each Council member's name. Each Council member responded by announcing their vote by calling out a nominee's name. The recorded votes are as follows:

- Council member Connie Reed voted for Leonard Belmares
- Council member Carl Kincaid voted for Leonard Belmares
- Council member Stephanie Murrell voted for Leonard Belmares
- Council member Bryan Hill voted for Leonard Belmares
- Council member Scott Glover voted for Leonard Belmares

By a unanimous vote of 5-0, Leonard Belmares was appointed as temporary Municipal Judge for the Town of White Bluff, Tennessee.

ADJOURNMENT:

1383 Motion to adjourn at 7:06p.m.:

Motion by Connie Reed, second by Stephanie Murrell, carried 5-0.



Mayor



Recorder