

MINUTES OF THE REEDSPORT CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL SESSION JULY 9, 2012  
10:00A.M. CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM.

PRESENT:

Mayor, Keith Tymchuk  
Councilors Ginger Anderson, Diane Essig, Bill Otis, Kathi Wall-Meyer, Bill Walker and Councilor Mike Macho  
City Manager, Scott Somers  
City Attorney, Steve Miller

OTHERS PRESENT:

Deanna Schafer, Vera Koch, Jessica Lloyd-Rogers (Coast Lake News), Jerry Schneider (Coast Lake News), Dan Welch, Shirley Welch, Marlene Swift, Sarah Haase (Umpqua Post)

**3:00 p.m. Special Session**

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. OPEN SESSION

Mayor Keith Tymchuk opened the Special Session at 10:00am.

A. Discuss filling and then consider appointing a City Manager Pro Tem

City Manager Scott Somers said that with his recent resignation, the City Council must appoint a City Manager Pro Tem. Section 20 of the City of Reedsport Charter requires the City Council to appoint a City Manager Pro Tem in case of the Manager's absence from the City, temporary disability to act as City Manager, discharge by the Council, or resignation. Per City Charter, a City Manager Pro Tem shall possess the powers and duties of City Manager. However, no City Manager Pro Tem may appoint or remove a City officer or employee, except with the approval of five members of the Council. Further, no City Manager Pro Tem shall hold the position continuously for more than six months without approval of City Council from another term of six months.

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that the latest candidate the Council was considering for the position of Interim City Manager has asked to be withdrawn from consideration due to health issues.

Council discussed whether to continue with a search for an outside candidate or consider appointing an internal candidate already on city management staff. That internal candidate would be the current Finance Director Vera Koch.

Councilors Bill Otis and Mike Macho both said they would like to hire an outside candidate due to the amount of work load Ms. Koch's position already has.

Council Mike Macho said that he felt that she would not have time to devote to the City Manager position. He said that it is a full-time hands on position.

Councilor Ginger Anderson said that she would feel the same way if this was earlier in the year during the development of the Budget.

Councilor Diane Essig motioned that the City Council appoint Ms. Vera Koch to the position of Interim City Manager for a period not to exceed six months.

Councilor Ginger Anderson seconded the motion.

**MOTION:**

that the City Council appoint Ms. Vera Koch to the position of Interim City Manager for a period not to exceed six months.

**VOTE:**

A vote was taken on the motion with the following results:

AYES     5                          NAYES     2    

(Mayor Keith Tymchuk, Councilors Anderson, Essig, Wall-Meyer and Walker voted in favor of the motion.)(Councilors Otis and Macho voted against the motion)

Mayor Keith Tymchuk said that he would meet with Koch to discuss salary expectations.

Councilor Mike Macho said that he would recommend an increase of two salary steps.

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Mayor Keith Tymchuk

**ATTEST:**

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Deanna Schafer, City Recorder