

SWEET HOME CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING SESSION MINUTES  
October 3, 2016

Mayor Gourley called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm at the Jim Riggs Community Center.

Staff Present: City Manager Pro Tem Christy Wurster, City Attorney Robert Snyder

Registered Visitors: Jo Ann McQueary, Paula Woodruff, Morris Woodruff, Hank Berg, Ken Bronson, Dick Knowles, Vince Adams

Roll Call:	Councilor Gerson	P	Councilor Mahler	P
	Councilor Goble	P	Councilor Trask	P
	Councilor Goodwin	P	Councilor Underwood	P
	Mayor Gourley	P		

Media: Sean Morgan, The New Era  
Alex Paul, Albany Democrat Herald

The City Council met to make a decision on a City Manager. Mayor Gourley stated the Council interviewed the candidate in a prior Executive Session. Mayor Gourley opened the meeting up for discussion among the Council. Councilor Goodwin stated he believed Mr. Towry would be an excellent City Manager. Councilor Goodwin added he liked Mr. Towry's experience, his education, and he felt he would do a good job. Councilor Underwood said his biggest concern is that he lacks experience and the City has just undertaken a new City Hall project. Mayor Gourley stated he feels that inexperience is an issue but the Council has a plan to help mitigate with a mentoring program.

**Councilor Goodwin made a motion to authorize the Mayor to hire Ray Towry as a City Manager with Councilor Gerson seconding. The Question was called and the motion passed with 6 Ayes, 1 Opposed (Underwood) and 0 Absent.**

**Mayor Gourley asked the Council, as a Consensus, if they would support the new City Manager.**

<b>Councilor Gerson</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Goble</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Goodwin</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Mayor Gourley</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Mahler</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Trask</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Councilor Underwood</b>	<b>Aye</b>

Mayor Gourley announced that all 7 members of the Council are in support of the City Manager. Mayor Gourley hoped the City could get Mr. Towry on board right away to start working on the new City Hall and Economic Development.

Mayor Gourley asked if there would be someone willing to be part of the negotiation team. Councilor Goodwin suggested City Manager Pro Tem Wurster be a part of that negotiation team

with City Attorney Snyder. The Council agreed. The direction of the Council was to offer a standard contract agreement with periodic evaluations.

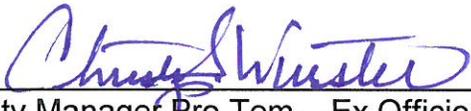
City Manager Pro Tem stated that following a successful background check, the City Attorney will draft a contract for the City Manager that would go before the Council for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

The foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of the City Council at the October 3, 2016 City Council Meeting.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Manager Pro Tem – Ex Officio City Recorder