## COUNCIL OF THE WHOLE MINUTES Topic: Council Members Rate of Pay

September 6, 2023

President Jerry Mazur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and noted the topic was the council members rate of pay.

Marshall, Kallas, Bowers, Moore and Davis were present. Agler was not present.

The Law Director indicated the options that were available after the Mayor vetoed legislation passed at its August 28 meeting that would give council members a pay raise. Members could override the mayor's veto which would take five members voting for the override, not do anything and the pay would remain the same or come up with a compromise.

All council members expressed displeasure with the Mayor comparing the city council with the school board. All council members indicated that they take the position seriously and that a council meeting is a small part of being a council person and if you want someone to step up for the next term they need to feel appreciated for their time and effort.

Members currently make \$4900 and Stinnett indicated that he would agree to a raise of \$5500. All council members agreed with this figure.

Members then agreed that the President's salary should be increased equal to the council members which would bring the income from \$5500 to \$6100.

The Clerk's salary was then discussed and it was agreed that the position would increase to \$6700.

An ordinance will need to be requested at the next scheduled meeting and the ordinance can be requested as an emergency so it can be passed before early voting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Clerk of Council

Lisa K. Hartsock

Council President

Gerald T. Mazur

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