

COMMON COUNCIL  
AUGUST 15, 2020  
7:00 P.M.  
COMMUNITY CENTER, 311 N. WASHINGTON STREET  
AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Gayle Conner, Sandy Flora, Mike Isley, Spencer Kingery, and Cody Nelson were all present. Gayle Conner participated electronically via Zoom.

**Introduction**

Mayor Evans stated the special meeting is being held for the purpose of filling a vacancy in the office of the Mayor of the City of Delphi. He stated City Clerk-Treasurer Leanne Aldrich has provided notice to the Common Council by putting said notice in writing, stating the purpose of the meeting, stating the date, time and place of the meeting, and by sending the notice by first class mail to each Council member at least ten (10) days before the meeting as required by IC 3-13-8-8(c). County Clerk of Circuit Courts Callie Schimmel has provided Notice of Vacancy to the Common Council by hand delivery to City Hall on August 4, 2020 as required by IC 5-8-3.5-1(b).

Mayor Evans further stated IC 3-13-8-8(b) provides, in part, "If the city does not have a deputy mayor, the common council shall fill the vacancy at a regular or special meeting." IC 3-13-8-1.5 provides, "A city clerk or city clerk-treasurer may give notice of a meeting under this chapter, and the meeting may be conducted under this chapter, before a vacancy in an office exists if the person holding the office has submitted a written resignation under IC 5-8-3.5 or been elected to another office."

Mayor Evans stated: On August 3, 2020 the Common Council passed Resolution 2020-17 as amended, A Resolution Regarding Procedure for Filling Vacancy of the Mayor of the City of Delphi. In that resolution the Council required candidates desirous for filling the vacancy of the Mayor of the City of Delphi must file a declaration of candidacy with the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Delphi by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020. Two individuals filed said declarations: Dale R. Seward and Anita Werling.

Mayor Evans stated the order of business for the meeting.

**Candidate Introductions**

Mayor Evans yielded the floor for Candidate Dale R. Seward's introduction.

Mayor Evans yielded the floor for Candidate Anita Werling's introduction.

**Question and Answer Panel**

Gayle Conner asked the candidates about \$23 million of debt. Sandy Flora asked about promoting businesses. Mike Isley asked about the Opera House. Spencer Kingery asked about policing. Cody Nelson asked about building codes and historic buildings. Gayle Conner asked about neighborhood improvement. Sandy Flora asked about the water project and future water projects. Mike Isley asked

about improving relations amongst the public from different economic classes. Spencer Kingery asked about residential development. Cody Nelson asked about COVID-19 and the possibility of additional local restrictions. Gayle Conner had no further questions. Sandy Flora asked about transparency. Mike Isley asked about handling disagreements between Mayor and Council. Spencer Kingery asked about handling disagreements between Mayor and Superintendents/ Department Heads. Cody Nelson had no further questions. Gayle Conner had no further questions. Sandy Flora had no further questions. Mike Isley had no further questions. Spencer Kingery had no further questions.

#### **Recess**

Mayor Evans recessed the meeting at 8:27 p.m. stating it would reconvene at 8:37 p.m. He asked the Council members to refrain from discussing the candidates amongst each other during the recess.

#### **Discussion/Deliberation**

Gayle Conner provided four reasons why Dale Seward should be Mayor. She also stated she was concerned about potential conflicts of interest Anita Werling has.

Sandy Flora thanks the candidates for filing and thanked the public for reaching out to her.

Mike Isley thanked the candidates. He quashed a rumor that had been going around about a third person interested in filing a declaration of candidacy who was dissuaded by members of the Council. Mike Isley stated it was not true and that he talked to the subject of the rumor who told Mike Isley it was not true.

Spencer Kingery thanked the candidates. He stated he received many calls and has not yet had an opportunity to get back to everybody who called.

Cody Nelson thanked the candidates and stated both did an excellent job answering questions.

#### **Nominations**

Mayor Evans stated, "Nominations are now in order for the office of the Mayor. No second is required for a nomination. No Council member may nominate more than one person."

Gayle Conner nominated Dale R. Seward.

Sandy Flora nominated Anita Werling.

#### **Roll Call Election**

Mayor Evans stated he would call the question. He stated these are the nominees for the position of Mayor, Dale R. Seward and Anita Werling. Please state the name of the nominee you vote to elect to Mayor when the Clerk-Treasurer calls your name.

Gayle Conner:	Dale R. Seward
Sandy Flora:	Anita Werling
Mike Isley:	Anita Werling
Spencer Kingery:	Anita Werling
Cody Nelson:	Anita Werling

#### **Results**

Leanne Aldrich announced the vote total for Dale R. Seward: 1, Anita Werling: 4.

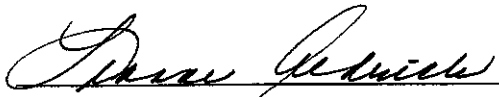
Mayor Evans recited the vote total to the Common Council as: Dale R. Seward: 1, Anita Werling: 4.

Mayor Evans declared Anita Werling has received a majority of the votes and will fill the vacancy of the office of the Mayor.

Mayor Evans stated the swearing in of Anita Werling will occur at the conclusion of this meeting.

Gayle Conner moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mike Isley. Motion carried (5-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

  
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Mayor Anita Werling

  
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Clerk-Treasurer, Leanne Aldrich, Attest