

A special meeting was called by Mayor Cindy Karelis, June 26, 2019, at 6:30 pm, in council chambers to discuss the County moving the Convention and Visitors Bureau to the Heritage Center. She stated in her text that the process has already begun and did not feel discussion could wait till the next scheduled meeting. Those in attendance were Recorder, Barbara Smith, Connie Pingley, Matt Lewis and Becky Weese. Rodney Cooper was absent. Visitors included Debbie Stalnaker, Andy Burns, Troy Ware, Terry Miller, Phyllis Baxter, Barbara McCreary, Dave Karelis and Mark Scott.

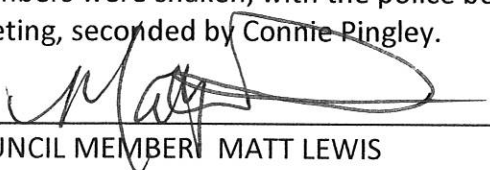
Recorder Smith swore in Matt Lewis and Becky Weese as reelected council members. Mayor Burns, Smith, Katie Whittaker, Robbie Moyer and Debbie Stalnaker had been sworn in earlier in the week.


Mayor Karelis shared an e-mail received earlier in the day from Rob Chenoweth regarding the Reed summary judgement. It read "The Court granted our summary judgment motion at today's hearing in the Brad Reed Case. Therefore, he dismissed Brad's appeal of the violation of Section 302.8 of the IPMC. Since we have withdrawn the other violations of the IPMC against Reed, the matter is over. As a result, the bench trial that was scheduled for July 5, 2019 has been cancelled. If you have any questions, let me know."

Phyllis Baxter discussed the Convention and Visitors Bureau movement from Elkins to the Heritage Center in Beverly. This is a very good thing for Beverly; it will bring more visitors to our town she said. More details will be given later.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Mayor Karelis discussed the position of supervisor for the town employees. She said on the sheet they fill out, most will write mayor on the line where the time sheets ask for supervisor. She asked council to appoint a personnel committee so the employees can have their performance and evaluation reports done so pay raise can be done. She was reminded that council had agreed to wait till the new administration took over July 1. She asked to have one member from each board and two from council be appointed. Mayor Karelis named the members from each board, Sturdivant and Pritt from sewer and Weese and Simmons from water. She reminded everyone that the Mayor does not have a vote. Discussion was heard from Troy Ware and arguments were started about who should do the evaluations. Dave Karelis reacted to the statements Mr. Ware made and altercation started when Mr. Karelis grabbed Mr. Ware by the throat and pulled him to the floor. Visitors present attempted to stop the altercation. Mr. Burns forced Mr. Karelis outside and the door was locked at that time. Members were shaken, with the police being called. Matt Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Connie Pingley.


COUNCIL MEMBER: MATT LEWIS


RECORDER: BARBARA SMITH