

CITY OF BOX ELDER COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday August 27, 2018
5:00 pm Special Meeting – City Council Chambers, 420 Villa Drive, Box Elder

Meeting called to order by Mayor Larson at 5:00 p.m.

Present were Mayor Larry Larson, City Attorney Kristi Vetri, Council Members Scott Allen, Dawn Beltran, Steve Cowley, Michael Hanson, Michael Knight, and Rick McPherson. Also present was City Administrator/Finance Officer Nicole Schneider and City Clerk Jermery Washington.

Motion to approve Agenda by Hanson. Seconded by Cowley. Vote: Aye. Unanimous.

Discussed hiring of private investigative firm or investigator. Council Member Hanson spoke and gave background. Public Comment: John Rusch, Alderman Allen's Attorney, commented that Council Members voting to hire investigator or investigation firm could be conflict of interest and could violate SD law because they were voting on hiring an investigator to investigate themselves. He stated that he advised Alderman Allen to remain silent in the discussion and not vote. City Attorney advised the Council that she had spoken to Mr. Rusch earlier in the day and she disagrees that this is a conflict of interest for the Alderman, but that he could present his position to the Council. Reasons for external investigation discussed. City Attorney wanted to give Council Members an opportunity to provide input on which investigator/investigation firm to hire; the Council does not have to do anything tonight if preferred as the investigation can go forward without Council action. Mr. Rusch stated any of the firms/names are fine. Mr. Rusch stated that the Council should take no action and adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Beltran, seconded by Cowley. Vote: Aye. Unanimous.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Seal:

Attest:

Larry Larson
Mayor

Nicole Schneider
City Administrator/Finance Officer