

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES**

AUGUST 25, 2008

5:00 P.M.

ST. AVOLD CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne
Council Members Bobby Hurst (District 5); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7);
Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)

Others Present: Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager
Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney
Candice H. White, City Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Chavonne called the meeting to order and discussion ensued regarding concerns that had been expressed regarding the role of the Appointment Committee and how the Appointment Committee could best move forward in light of those concerns. Mayor Chavonne stated consistent with discussion at the last meeting, the Appointment Committee could vet the board and commission applications for qualifications, residency requirements, and to determine whether an applicant served on another board or commission. Council Member Applewhite suggested that the Appointment Committee make recommendations for appointments and then forward all applications to Council; otherwise, there would be no purpose to the committee. Discussion continued.

2. REVIEW OF FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL POLICIES 110.1 AND 110.3

Following a review, consensus was for the policy revisions to be placed on the September 8, 2008 agenda for Council's consideration. Also reviewed were changes to the boards and commissions meeting schedule and a proposed brochure to assist Council in their recruitment efforts.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Council Member Hurst noted it had previously taken three to four meetings for Council to make nominations and appointments. Discussion ensued as to how nominations and appointments would occur under the recommendations as adopted by City Council. Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager, advised the recommendations as approved by City Council did not provide for nominations from the floor without the nominee having an application on file. Mr. Hewett suggested that the cutoff for accepting applications be the date the Appointment Committee meets to vet the applications. Discussion ensued regarding a one or two meeting process for appointments.

4. DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION TO CITY COUNCIL

Following discussion, consensus was for the Chair of the Appointment Committee to provide a slate of recommendations for appointment to the City Council and that appointments would involve only one meeting. Council Member Hurst was selected as Chair of the Appointment Committee.

5. OPERATIONAL ISSUES

Council Member Meredith questioned whether the membership numbers of some of the boards and commissions could be increased. Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney, suggested that the Clerk provide a table and as some of the boards and commissions were statutorily created, she would need to determine what would be involved in increasing membership numbers should Council have interest in doing so. Council Member Applewhite inquired about the length of terms. Mrs. McDonald stated term lengths varied and were established either by city ordinance or state statute.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Hewett stated Jimmy Teal, Planning Director, would contact the Institute of Government regarding land use laws and regulations in order to make training available to new and existing board and members. Mr. Hewett further stated county members of joint boards and

commissions would be invited to participate in the training. Mr. Hewett noted training in ethics and conflicts of interest would also be provided, as would Council's strategic plan and vision.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A second meeting of the Appointment Committee was scheduled for September 9, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. with appointments to be made at the September 22, 2008 Council meeting. Mayor Chavonne asked that board and commission staff liaisons be available at the upcoming meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.