

**CITY OF BETTENDORF
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

JANUARY 24, 2023

The City Council of Bettendorf, Iowa met in regular session on January 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers at Bettendorf City Hall, 1609 State Street, Bettendorf, Iowa.

The City of Bettendorf broadcasted this public meeting online at <http://www.bettendorf.org/live-meeting>.

Council Members Present: Adamson, Brown, Naumann, Sechser, Baden

Council Members Absent: Connors

Vacant: 5th Ward Seat

Presiding: Mayor Robert S. Gallagher

Mayor Gallagher opened the meeting by thanking the three applicants Beth Aronson, Austin Blunk, and Nick Palczynski for their interest in filling the 5th Ward vacancy and explained that Council would be hearing presentations from each applicant to learn a little more about them than what was in the provided documentation.

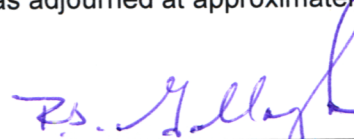
After hearing presentations from each applicant and discussing same, a motion was made by Council member Naumann to add Nick Palczynski's name to the appointment resolution. Council Member Adamson seconded the motion. Mayor Gallagher asked for any discussion. Council Member Adamson stated he was comfortable with making the appointment tonight and canceling the January 31st special meeting as he had read the questionnaires multiple times. Mayor Gallagher asked City Attorney Chris Curran to explain the two-step appointment process, and Mr. Curran responded accordingly. Council Member Sechser asked for those watching online a brief overview of why Council has decided to appoint rather than hold a special election, and Mayor Gallagher and City Administrator Decker Ploehn responded. City Attorney Curran clarified that Iowa Code is clear that Council has two options to fill the vacancy, either by appointment or special election, and, if by appointment, there is still a 14-day window after the appointment is made in which the eligible electors of the 5th Ward can file a petition calling for a special election. Said petition requires 15% of signatures of the number of voters in the last 5th Ward election to be valid. Roll call vote to add Nick Palczynski's name to the appointment resolution indicated Adamson (aye); Brown (aye); Naumann (aye); Sechser (aye); and Baden (aye). The motion passed 5-0-0.

RESOLUTION APPOINTING NICK PALCZYNSKI TO FILL THE VACANT 5TH WARD COUNCIL MEMBER POSITION ON THE BETTENDORF CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Naumann made a motion to appoint Nick Palczynski to fill the vacant 5th Ward Council Member position on the Bettendorf City Council. Council Member Adamson seconded the motion. Mayor Gallagher asked for any questions. None presented. Roll call vote indicated Adamson (aye); Brown (aye); Naumann (aye); Sechser (aye); and Baden (aye). The motion passed 5-0-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Council Member Naumann made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Baden seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:32 p.m.



Mayor Robert S. Gallagher

Attest:



City Clerk Decker P. Ploehn