

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PEQUOT LAKES CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2016
PEQUOT LAKES CITY HALL**

Members Present: Mayor Sjoblad, Council Members Akerson, Loukota, and Pederson

Members Absent: Council Member Karr

Staff Present: Nancy Malecha, City Administrator/Clerk and Police Sergeant Chad Turcotte (arrived at 5:54 p.m.)

1. Call Meeting to Order

Mayor Sjoblad called the special meeting of the Pequot Lakes City Council to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Sjoblad led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Consider Agenda

The agenda was accepted.

3. Preliminary Consideration of Allegations or Charges Against a City of Pequot Lakes Employee

Mayor Sjoblad stated that the agenda item is preliminary consideration of allegations or charges against a City of Pequot Lakes employee. The employee is Joni O'Donnell.

Mayor Sjoblad stated that this portion of the meeting will be closed pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 13D.05, subdivision 2(b).

COUNCIL MEMBER AKERSON MOVED TO CLOSE THE MEETING PURSUANT TO MINNESOTA STATUTES, SECTION 13D.05, SUBDIVISION 2(b). COUNCIL MEMBER LOUKOTA SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

The Council went into closed session at 5:34 p.m.

The closed session was electronically recorded.

Present at the closed session were: Mayor Sjoblad, Council Member Akerson, Council Member Loukota, Council Member Pederson, and City Administrator/Clerk Nancy Malecha.

The Council discussed the agenda item.

The City Council meeting reopened from the closed session at 5:53 p.m.

MAYOR SJOBLAD MOVED THAT:

- 1. JONI O'DONNELL BE DISMISSED FROM EMPLOYMENT WITH THE CITY OF PEQUOT LAKES, EFFECTIVE 2-29-16, FOR, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE REASONS STATED IN CITY ADMINISTRATOR NANCY MALECHA'S LETTER TO JONI O'DONNELL OF 2-25-16.**
- 2. CITY ADMINISTRATION PROVIDE MS. O'DONNELL WITH ANY APPROPRIATE NOTICES RELATED TO THIS DECISION.**

COUNCIL MEMBER PEDERSON SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.

(Police Sergeant Chad Turcotte arrived at the meeting.)

4. Hearing to Review and Appeal Potentially Dangerous Dog Declaration

Sergeant Turcotte explained that this hearing is an appeal of the potentially dangerous dog declaration that the City Council approved on August 4, 2015 regarding Annette Fennell's dog Mya. Sergeant Turcotte further noted that every six months dog owners have a right to appeal the declaration and process and the Council can affirm or overrule the previous declaration.

Sergeant Turcotte informed the Council that Mr. and Mrs. Fennell were unable to attend tonight due to the unknown start time for this hearing based on the previous agenda item and he provided the Council with background information on the incident that occurred on July 10, 2015. Sergeant Turcotte noted that the Police Department has had no other issues with Mya and has no concerns on removing this dog from the potentially dangerous dog status.

Mayor Sjoblad questioned if the Fennell's paid the vet bill for the wounded dog. Sergeant Turcotte stated that they had.

Council Member Akerson questioned if the Fennell's have met all of the condition requirements. Sergeant Turcotte stated that they had.

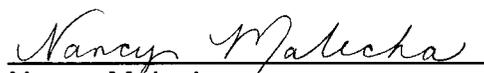
Sergeant Turcotte explained that if the Council believes that the July 10th incident caused provocation of the dog then the Council may want to consider the dog as not potentially dangerous; however, if the incident did not cause provocation, then the Council may want to consider the dog as potentially dangerous.

**MAYOR SJOBLAD MOVED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 16-06
OVERRULING THE FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND ORDER OF
PEQUOT LAKES CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PEQUOT LAKES
POLICE DEPARTMENT'S JULY 12, 2015 POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS
DOG DECLARATION. COUNCIL MEMBER AKERSON SECONDED
THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED 4-0.**

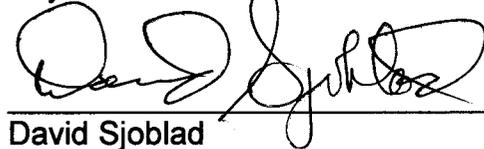
5. Adjourn

The special meeting of the City Council adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Malecha
City Administrator/Clerk



David Sjoblad
Mayor