

Wahpeton City Council Special Meeting

May 28, 2013
12:00 Noon

Members Present: Mayor Sturdevant, Dale, Hansey, DeVries, Schmidt, Bohn, and Bertsch

Members Absent: Bajumpaa and Mitskog

Others Present: Huwe, Nelson, Priebe, Broadland, MacIver, Mike Leaser of Lies & Bullis, Amos, and Matthew Liedke of the Daily News

Mayor Sturdevant called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

PW Director Position Recommendation of Appointment Bohn reported that as many may know they currently have been evaluating applicants for the Public Works Director Position. She said advertisements for the position started on March 10th, with an April 10th deadline, and qualifications included a ND Professional Engineer's (PE License) or eligible within 6 months. She said the first round of advertisements resulted in 4 applicants, 2 of which met the minimum requirements and one of those accepted other employment and withdrew their application. Bohn said the position was re-advertised without the PE License requirement and received an applicant pool of 9 people. She said 2 had experience well matched to the City's position demands and were interviewed on May 16th by Bohn, Mayor Sturdevant, and Councilmember DeVries, with PW Director Nelson and Finance Director Huwe also participating in the applicant review and interview process. Bohn said an offer of employment was negotiated with Dennis Miranowski on May 22nd.

Bohn said Miranowski is currently employed as the Fargo Operations Manager of Stantec (formerly known as Bonestroo Engineering, Inc.). His experience includes Public Works Director (and assistant PW Director) for the City of Apple Valley, MN, City Administrator for the City of Sauk Rapids, MN, and private land development partner in St. Cloud, MN. Miranowski currently resides in south Moorhead, MN and is originally from Breckenridge, MN. He is a graduate of NDSU with a bachelor's degree in Construction Management/Civil Technology, and he is also a NDSCS graduate in Drafting Technology. Marinowski explained he considers the PW Director position an opportunity to "get back home", and Bohn felt he demonstrated a passion for municipal work.

Bohn said the terms of employment for this position at Salary Grade 1, exempt from overtime, is an annual salary \$105,000, standard cafeteria benefit & NDPERS retirement package, vacation balance of 140 hours with accruals of 6.67 hours per pay period upon 1st year anniversary. She said no relocation package was offered, and long term intent to relocate to the twin towns area was discussed but no commitment reached. Pending the acceptance of the recommendation today, the start date for Mr. Miranowski is anticipated to be Monday, June 24th. The transition with PW Director Randy Nelson will be worked out over the next several weeks with overlap time to be determined. **Motion by Bohn, seconded by DeVries, to approve to appoint Dennis Miranowski to the position of Public Works Director.** Discussion held. **Motion Carried with all voting 'aye'.**

Motion by Bohn, seconded by DeVries, to adjourn at 12:08 p.m.

Mayor Sturdevant

Lynelle Amos, Finance Assistant