

**CITY OF CLEARWATER, SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS**

**SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2007**

The special meeting of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, City Council was held on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 8:00 a.m., in the Clearwater City Council Chamber, City Hall, 129 E. Ross Avenue, Clearwater, Kansas.

The following members were present: Mayor J. L. Walker, Mike Justice, Casey Carlson, Mike York, Lyle Berntsen, and David FitzGerald. The following staff members were present: Cheryl Wright, City Clerk. Others present at the meeting were Larry Keeler, Hugh Williamson, Roy Riggs, and Mark Seiler, citizens.

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Mayor Walker called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Mayor Walker dispensed with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Walker read the following:

CALL FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF GOVERNING BODY  
CLEARWATER KANSAS  
FEBRUARY 3, 2007

TO THE GOVERNING BODY:

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BODY IS HEREBY CALLED TO BE HELD AT CLEARWATER CITY HALL FEBRUARY 3, 2007 AT 8:00 A.M. THE OBJECT OF SAID MEETING BEING TO APPOINT A POLICE CHIEF.

David FitzGerald, Casey Carlson, Mike York, Mike Justice, and Lyle Berntsen signed the call for a special meeting

**1. Appoint New Police Chief**

City Administrator Brown stated that 14 applications were received for Police Chief. After the Council reviewed the applications, there was a number the Council decided to interview. A group of community individuals were asked to join a panel to interview the Police Chief applicants selected by the Council. Brown continued to state that there were 4

candidates interviewed on January 26th by the community group and by the Council. After the Special meeting on Monday January 29<sup>th</sup> staff was directed by the Council to extend an offer to one of the candidates that was interviewed. Brown stated that the candidate has accepted the offer. Mayor Walker stated that he would like to thank the community members that took their time to be involved in the interview process and for their input. Walker also stated that he wanted to thank the Council for the quality of extra time that it took to interview the candidates and to come to a decision.

Mayor Walker stated that at this time he would like to recommend that Kim Demars be appointed as Police Chief of the City of Clearwater. Larry Keeler from the audience question who is Kim Demars? Walker stated that Kim Demars currently lives in the Conway Springs area. Keeler question why the Council didn't promote from within our police force instead of going outside of the City? Walker stated that the Council and community group went through the process and there were several things that they were looking for based on the duties of a police chief. Walker continued to state that is was the consensus of the Council along with the information provided by the community group that this is the best decision at this time. Keeler stated in other words that the Council felt there is no one on the current force that has the experience to be police chief. Walker stated that the Council felt there were some better than others.

At the request of Mayor Walker City Clerk Wright polled the Council as to their vote on the appointment of Kim Demars as Police Chief.

Council Member Justice, yes  
Council Member York, yes  
Council Member FitzGerald, yes  
Council Member Berntsen, no  
Council Member Carlson, yes The appointment was approved on a roll call vote of 4 – 1.

2. **Adjournment**

**MOTION:** Being no further discussion to come before the Council, Council Member FitzGerald moved for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Carlson and passed unanimously.

**CERTIFICATE**

State of Kansas        }  
County of Sedgwick  }

City of Clearwater }

I, Cheryl S. Wright, City Clerk of the City of Clearwater, Sedgwick County, Kansas, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the February 3, Special City Council meeting.

Given under my hand and official seal of the City of Clearwater, this 13th day of February 2007.

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Cheryl S. Wright, City Clerk