

**MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL SESSION CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**120 S. Ash**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2017**  
**7:00 p.m.**

***NOTICE OF MEETING***

A special session of the City Council of Nevada, Missouri was posted pursuant to Section 2-6 and Section 2-7 of the City Code and RSMo., Chapter 610.021 with a tentative agenda on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 4:45 p.m.

***CALL TO ORDER***

A special session of the City Council of Nevada, Missouri was held on Thursday, October 12, 2017 pursuant to Section 2-6 and 2-7 of the City Code and Section 3.11 of the City Charter.

Mayor Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

***ROLL CALL***

The following Council members were present for roll call:

Present: Carol Clyde-Gallagher; Blake Hertzberg; Brian Leonard; Jayne Novak; Ryan Watts

Absent: None

Staff present: JD Kehrman, City Manager; Kristie Modlin, Treasurer; Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk; Wm. G. McCaffree, City Attorney

***NEW BUSINESS***

First item considered was Bill No. 2017-052 setting forth changes in Professional Management of Nevada City Hospital (also called Nevada Regional Medical Center) that the City Council deems necessary and prudent.

Councilperson Novak moved to place Bill No. 2017-052 on first reading by title only, Councilperson Hertzberg provided the second.

Jenise Burch, 25721 E. Katy Track Walker, MO, representing Hospital Board, stated concerns with Freeman managing hospital. Board wanted to self-manage and retain current CEO and CFO.

Steve Branstetter, 15969 S. 1463 Rd, supports self-management and retaining current CEO and CFO. Disappointed in Consultant.

Warren Lovinger, 625 S. Ash, has visited many rural hospitals around the state and most are having financial issues. We need to retain crew we have. Concerned as hospital is second largest employer in Nevada.

Ted Moore, 1008 N. Washington, has worked at Neosho hospital and this is not what Nevada needs, reviewed ordinance and doesn't believe legally binding.

Jodee Mashek, 11819 S. 200 Rd. Richards, MO, stated that employees are afraid they will lose their jobs, disappointed that Boards didn't work together, also disappointed that there were only 2 presenters.

Jennifer Conley, 15406 E. Jayhawker Rd, stated that if we were going to go with someone new that either we were going to close the doors or they were going to bring something special. This hospital is not like a lot of places, we are different. If Freeman is hired they may be loss of service lines.

Kevin Leeper, 15166 E. Pewter, gave history of his time at NRMHC. Stated that he was hired to turn around the financial situation at the hospital. Transparency is very important. Freeman interest is not going to be in Nevada.

Jama Bogart, 16340 S. 1354 Pass, Nevada needs the clinic and the hospital. We want to provide care for the residents here in Nevada.

Marci Hardin, 16408 S. 1383, this hospital is valuable to this community. Concerns over outside entity taking over hospital. Work very closely with Cerner and some of the benefits may not be available if we go with Freeman.

The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Clyde-Gallagher; Hertzberg; Leonard; Novak

Nay: Watts

Absent: None

By reason of the declining financial condition of Nevada Regional Medical Center; the need to coordinate the expiration of existing arrangements of the Hospital; including expiring contractual obligations with management and management personnel; the need to initiate an immediate in-depth analysis; and, if requested, a preliminary survey of hospital operations; and the need for coordination and cooperation between the City Council and Hospital Board, and the professional staffs assisting them, this ordinance is hereby found to be and declared to be an emergency ordinance and all readings thereof shall be completed in one session.

Next to be considered was Bill No. 2017-052 setting forth changes in Professional Management of Nevada City Hospital (also called Nevada Regional Medical Center) that the City Council deems necessary and prudent.

Councilperson Watts moved to place Bill No. 2017-052 on second reading by title only. Councilperson Hertzberg provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Hertzberg; Leonard; Novak; Clyde-Gallagher

Nay: Watts

Absent: None

The Mayor declared Bill No. 2017-052 read a second time, passed, approved and adopted. The Bill was numbered Ordinance No. 8179 and was signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk. The Mayor directed said Ordinance be engrossed upon the corporate records.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before City Council, Mayor Leonard asked for a motion to adjourn.

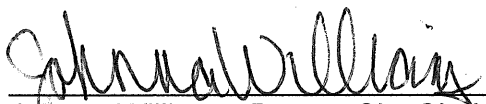
Councilperson Novak moved to adjourn the special session of City Council. Councilperson Hertzberg provided the second. The motion was duly considered and passed by the following vote:

Aye: Leonard; Novak; Watts; Clyde-Gallagher; Hertzberg

Nay: None

Absent: None

The meeting adjourned 8:11 p.m.

  
Johnna Williams, Deputy City Clerk

(seal)  
ATTEST:

  
Brian L. Leonard, Mayor

*Johnna Williams*

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