

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL  
Organizational Meeting Minutes  
January 4, 2021

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6:00 pm

Clerk Scott asked if anyone had an objections to Councilor Daniel Guin presiding over the meeting as President Pro Temp until a Council President was elected. Seeing no objections, Council Guin assumed the role of President Pro Temp.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by President Pro Temp Daniel Guin.

**CHAIRS STATEMENT:** This meeting is being audio recorded and video recorded by the City Council and GCTV-15. If any other persons present are doing the same you must notify the chairperson at this time.

**ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:** Roll Call was taken. All Councilor were present.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Clerk Kathryn J. Scott; Parliamentarian William Roberts; GCTV-15 staff and members of the public.

**MOTIONS, ORDERS, AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Guin, second by Councilor Stempel, it was unanimously,

**VOTED:** THAT IT BE ORDERED, THAT THE GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL WAIVE THE RULES OF PROCEDURE, 8 ORDER AND DISPOSITION OF BUSINESS.

Parliamentarian Roberts presented the procedure for the organizational meetings, according to the Greenfield's City Charter Rules of Procedure. Clerk Scott noted that it had been the standard practice for the Council to have an annual organizational meeting; however, Rule of Procedure Rule 565-1A stated that organizational Council meetings occur *following the regular City elections*. Because there was no City election held and no change in the slate of Councilors, would the Council still want to continue with this practice? Comments included:

- Greenfield Charter Section 2-2 stated that the Council was given an option to meet as soon as Councilor-elects had been qualified, or on the first business day of the new year.
- If this had been past practice it should continue as such.
- No one had objected to the organizational meeting tonight.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Forgey, second by Councilor Mayo, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR PENNY RICKETTS TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Dolan, second by Councilor Wheeler, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO NOMINATE COUNCILOR ASHLEY STEMPEL TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Ricketts accepted the nomination and made a statement which included her past and present participation with numerous City Committees, Commissions and Boards as well as the many accomplishments she had been awarded this past year.

Councilor Stempel accepted the nomination and made a statement which included her past experience as President and the difficulties that had shaped the City as well as the many Committees and Boards she had participated in.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Jarvis, second by Councilor Dolan, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

It was by roll call, 7 yes for Councilor Ricketts, 6 yes for Councilor Stempel,  
**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR PENNY RICKETTS TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT.

Councilor Guin relinquished the meeting to President Ricketts.

President Ricketts asked for nominations for the position of City Council Vice-President.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Mayo, second by Councilor Desorgher, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR SHEILA GILMOUR TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Dolan, second by Councilor Stempel, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR PHILIP ELMER TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Stempel, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR OTIS WHEELER TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Stempel, second by Councilor Jarvis, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR DANIEL GUIN TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

Councilor Gilmour accepted the nomination.

Councilor Elmer declined the nomination.

Councilor Wheeler declined the nomination.

Councilor Guin accepted the nomination.

Councilor Gilmour made a statement which included her focus on bringing Greenfield back to a better state for the year to come.

Councilor Guin made a statement which included his experience as a Councilor in the past as well as the present and to bring a unity to Greenfield.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Jarvis, second by Councilor Elmer, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT.

It was by roll call, 7 yes for Councilor Gilmour, 6 yes for Councilor Guin,  
**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR SHEILA GILMOUR TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL VICE-PRESIDENT.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Gilmour, second by Councilor Hirschfeld, it was,  
**MOVED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR VIRGINIA DESORGHIER TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL TREASURER.

Councilor Desorghier accepted the nomination and made a statement asking Councilors for their vote.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Ricketts, second by Councilor Mayo, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR CITY COUNCIL TREASURER.

It was by roll call, 13 yes, 0 no,  
**VOTED:** TO ELECT COUNCILOR VIRGINIA DESORGHIER TO THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCIL TREASURER.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** President Ricketts inquired about the paperwork to be sent out to Councilors to sign up for subcommittees.

**MOTION:** On a motion by Councilor Elmer, second by Councilor Mayo, it was unanimously,  
**VOTED:** TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:55 P.M.

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Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathryn J. Scott, City Clerk

GREENFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

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	Attendance	President	Vice President	Treasurer Desorgher		
1. Jarvis, Edward	Y	Ricketts	Guin	Y		
2. Guin, Daniel	Y	Stempel	Guin	Y		
3. DeSorgher, Virginia	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
4. Bottomley, John	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
5. Dolan, Timothy	Y	Stempel	Guin	Y		
6. Gilmour, Sheila	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
7. Wheeler, Otis	Y	Stempel	Guin	Y		
8. Mayo, Douglas	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
9. Hirschfeld, Norman	Y	Stempel	Gilmour	Y		
10. Elmer, Philip	Y	Stempel	Guin	Y		
11. Forgey, Christine	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
12. Ricketts, Penny	Y	Ricketts	Gilmour	Y		
13. Stempel - Rae, Ashley	Y	Stempel	Guin	Y		

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