

Meeting Minutes:

1. Call to Order

The Van Meter City Council met for a special council meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2026, VIA ZOOM. Mayor Herman called the meeting to order at 01:00 PM. The following council members were present upon roll call: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Staff present: Interim City Administrator/City Clerk Travis Cooke (left at 1:02 PM) and Deputy City Clerk Maddie Lavallee. Others present: Marketa Oliver, Theia Consulting, Mark Jackson, Consultant and 6 city administrator candidates.

2. Approval of Agenda

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Motion by Jason Barney to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

3. Closed Session - City Administrator Zoom Interviews

a. Convene into Closed Session

Motion by Jason Barney to Convene into Closed Session at 1:02 PM per Iowa Statute 21.5 (i). To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Seconded by Joel Akers. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.

b. Convene into Open Session

Motion by Travis Brott to Convene into Open Session at 3:56 PM. Seconded by Jason Barney. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0.


c. Possible Action after Closed Session — City Administrator Search


No action taken.

4. Adjournment

a. Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion by Travis Brott to approve Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Joe Lake. On roll call, the votes were as follows: Yeas: Travis Brott, Joel Akers, Jason Barney, Joe Lake, Jarin Young. Nays: None. Abstain: None. Motion carried 5-0-0. Meeting was adjourned at 03:56 PM.


Joe Herman, Mayor


Travis Cooke, City Clerk