

**TOWN OF YUCCA VALLEY  
SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 11, 2011**

Mayor Huntington called the special meeting of the Town of Yucca Valley Town Council to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Council Members Present: Hagerman, Luckino, Rowe, and Mayor Huntington.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Huntington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Town Council Vacancy – Review applications for appointments

Mayor Huntington advised the purpose of tonight's meeting is to interview 5 members who applied for the vacant Council Seat. Council Member Rowe moved to proceed with the interview process and appoint a member to the vacant seat. Council Member Hagerman seconded. There being no opposition the motion carried.

Mayor Huntington advised of the process. The applicants were interviewed in the following order: Mike Alberg, Curt Duffy, Merl Abel, Lori Herbel, and David Cooper.

**William Swinnerton**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the fact that different questions were asked of different applicants.

**Robert Leone**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding applicants Cooper and Herbel.

**Scott McKone**, Yucca Valley, commented his hope that the Council's endeavors in this process will be supported by the community.

**Ramon Mendoza**, Yucca Valley, thanked all the people who came to the meeting to be interviewed, commented regarding the sewer issue.

**Margo Sturgis**, Yucca Valley, commented regarding the ability for Council to now draft an ordinance, recommended a citizens committee to assist with drafting the ordinance.

**Julian G. Gonzales**, Joshua Tree, spoke in support of Mr. Duffy.

Mayor Huntington advised in a previous meeting Council decided they would have a unanimous decision regarding the appointment.

Council Member Luckino thanked the candidates and encouraged those who are not selected to stay involved.

Council Member Rowe thanked everyone for going through the process with the Council as we go through our learning curve.

Council Member Hagerman thanked all the applicants for taking the time, and town staff for putting this all together and spending two nights away from their families. He added that no matter what decision is made tonight there is going to be some side of the fence that isn't going to be happy.

After the ballots were marked, Mayor Huntington advised there are 3 votes for Mr. Abel and one for Mr. Cooper. He noted he was the one who voted for Mr. Cooper, noting in listening to him he changed his criteria on selection regarding wanting someone to run in 2014, and thought he would be a good interim possibility. With respect to the rest of the Council he advised he will change his vote to Mr. Able to have the agreed upon unanimous vote.

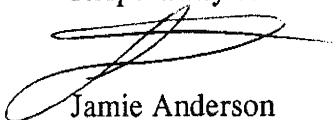
Council Member Luckino moved to appoint Merl Abel to the vacant Town Council seat. Council Member Hagerman seconded. Motion carried 4-0 on a roll call vote.

- AYES: Council Member Hagerman, Luckino, Rowe and Mayor Huntington.
- NOES: None
- ABSTAIN: None
- ABSENT: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted



Jamie Anderson  
Town Clerk