

**BLACK DIAMOND CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**Council Special Meeting of November 17, 2020**  
**Virtual Meeting Via Zoom**

**CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE:**

Mayor Benson called the special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led us all in the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Councilmembers Deady, Wisnoski, Stout, de Leon, O'Donnell and Paige.

**ABSENT:** Oglesbee

Staff present were: Mayene Miller, Finance Director; Andrew Williamson, MDRT/Ec Dev Director; David Linehan, City Attorney, and Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk/HR

**WORK SESSION:**

**1) Review and Discussion of Proposed Lease Agreement for City Hall Office Space**

Mayor Benson welcomed everyone and discussed the proposed lease agreement. She noted she was able to negotiate with the landlord as 5-year lease as Council had suggested at an earlier meeting.

Below are the highlights/topics of discussion

- Discussion amongst Council on the 5-year lease being a “win-win” for everyone as it allows the City to get a long-term picture in place.
- The need for the City to continue with an RFQ process for future city office space.
- Suggested to form an ad hoc committee to work on a permanent solution.
- Notice timeline in the lease.
- Importance of having staff in one building.
- Support for this lease, however with concerns that the building is still not a fully accessible building for staff.
- Discussion on adding a chair lift to the inside stairs for accessibility for both employees and customers.
- The need to hold a retreat next year to discuss the direction the City wants to move in.

Following discussion, Mayor Benson stated that the lease agreement will be placed on the November 19th agenda for action.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilmember Deady **moved** to adjourn the meeting; **second** Councilmember Paige. Motion **passed** with all voting in favor (6-0).

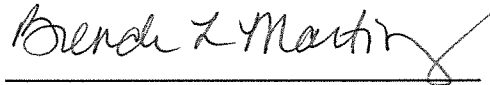
The meeting ended at 6:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



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Carol Benson, Mayor



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Brenda L. Martinez, City Clerk