

CITY OF EUREKA SPRINGS

CITY COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING

THURSDAY

SEPTEMBER 4, 2003

A special meeting of the City Council was called by Aldermen Robert "Butch" Berry, Penny Carroll and Earl "Bud" Umland.

Mayor Kathy Harrison called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, 2003, in the jury room of the Western District Carroll County Courthouse.

PRESENT: Mayor Kathy Harrison, Aldermen Robert "Butch" Berry, Penny Carroll, Karen Lindblad, Gayle Money, Bill Ott and Earl "Bud" Umland, City Attorney Tim Weaver and City Clerk Mary Jean Sell. An audience of 50-60 citizens was in the jury room, the hallway and on the outside steps.

Mayor Harrison announced the special meeting was called by the council to ratify or deny the mayor's decision to terminate the mayor's administrative assistant. (Mayor Harrison fired City Administrative Assistant Kim Dickens Thursday, Aug. 28.)

Mayor Harrison asked the council to stay on topic, that is to discuss only ratification or denial of her decision. If there is any other discussion of policy or procedures, those issues would have to be placed on a regular agenda of the council or named for a discussion of any other special meeting. She said we will not digress into a quasi-legal discussion, but will be deferred to for a legal opinion from an attorney or a judge, should we end up in court. This is not a public hearing or a forum for debate.

Ms. Carroll moved to rescind the mayor's termination of the employment of the assistant city administrator Kim Dickens and to continue Ms. Dickens' tenure as city assistant administrator uninterrupted.

Ms. Money seconded. Ms. Carroll, Mr. Berry, Mr. Umland and Ms. Money voted aye. Ms. Lindblad and Mr. Ott voted nay. Motion passed 4/2/0

Ms. Money moved to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Berry seconded. All voted aye. Motion passed 6/0/0

This is the signature page for the City Council minutes of the special meeting Sept. 4, 2003.

Mayor Kathy Harrison

City Clerk Mary Jean Sell