

A special meeting of the City Council was called by Alderman Robert "Butch" Berry, Penny Carroll and Gayle Money.

Mayor Kathy Harrison called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, 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 City Clerk Mary Jean Sell. Alderman Earl "Bud" Umland was absent.

Mayor Harrison announced the meeting was called by council members to adjust the regular meeting schedule of the city council.

Alderman Bill Ott raised a point of order regarding the notification of council members as per the Municipal Code. He said although he had received a telephone call about the meeting from the city clerk, he had not received his written notice of the meeting until just before the meeting began.

Clerk Sell said she would appreciate it when notices went out including her name, that her name be spelled correctly.

Speaking as editor of the *Times-Echo*, the newspaper of record and of general circulation within the city, Sell said that should any other special meeting be called without proper notification to the *Times-Echo*, she would file FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) violations against each and every member of the council.

Sell said she had a letter on her desk from Linda Boyer of KTHS radio station in Berryville with essentially the same complaint, that she had not been properly notified of special meetings or cancellations of the meetings. Sell said she had notified the radio station by telephone of the last two meetings she was aware of, but had no information about previous meetings.

Sell said she thought the meeting should be adjourned and called properly at another time.

Mayor Harrison said one of the council members had not received notification of the meeting.

Ms. Lindblad arrived and raised a point of order. She said she had not received any written notice of this meeting and it was a null and void meeting.

Mr. Berry wanted to go ahead and schedule a meeting for Monday, Sept. 15, ahead of the budget workshop.

Time for the special meeting was set for 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 15.

The meeting ended at 6:12 p.m.

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Mayor Kathy Harrison

City Clerk Mary Jean Sell