



CALL TO ORDER - The Governing Body met in Special Session and the following commission members were present: Mayor Mark Preisinger, Mayor Pro-Tem Jermaine Wilson (present via phone call), Commissioners Nancy Bauder, Larry Dedeke and Myron J. (Mike) Griswold.

The Governing Body signed the consent for the special meeting and proper notice was given.

Others present: City Manager Paul Kramer, Assistant City Manager Taylour Tedder, Police Chief Pat Kitchens, City Planner Julie Hurley, Public Information Officer Melissa Bower, and City Clerk Carla K. Williamson.

Mayor Preisinger called for a motion to open a Special Meeting. Commissioner Dedeke moved to open a Special Meeting. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting opened.

Discussion on Comments made by Leavenworth County Commission Chairman – Mayor Mark Preisinger read a prepared statement regarding comments made by Leavenworth Board of County Commissioners Chairman Louis Klemp on November 14, 2018 during a Leavenworth County Commission meeting. The statement read as follows:

City statement regarding comments made by County Commissioner Louis Klemp

The Leavenworth City Commission is aware of recent comments made by Board of County Commissioners Chairman Louis Klemp. These comments have resulted in widespread negative attention and have harmed the overall perception of residents, businesses, cities, organizations and agencies in Leavenworth County.

The City Commission unequivocally denounces the use of “master race” or any other language that has historic ties to racism, division and bigotry in any setting at any time.

Further, the City Commission condemns the lack of decorum, professionalism and common decency shown to the woman presenting to the County Commission. Such behavior and treatment has no place in the Leavenworth community, is never justified and should never be allowed.

The City Commission believes in respect toward our citizens, contractors and others when they approach public officials during a government meeting. The City of Leavenworth strives continuously for unity in our community for all.

As a City government, we have no authority to remove Mr. Klemp from office, however, the City Commission believes it is in the best interest of the Leavenworth community for Mr. Klemp to apologize and resign immediately.

Mayor Preisinger moved to accept the city statement. Commissioner Griswold seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURN:

Commissioner Dedeke moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bauder seconded the motion and was unanimously approved. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the meeting adjourned.

Time Special Meeting Adjourned 5:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by City Clerk Carla K. Williamson, CMC