

**Special Meeting of the City Council
City of Rockport
1472 Military Road, Rockport, Arkansas
Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022**

Council Member Brenda Womble called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Council members present: Darrell Hughes; Brenda Womble; Melinda Baker, Jimmy Shuffield

Others Present:

Shira Kelley

This meeting was called for the purpose of reviewing resumés for Rockport Police Chief.

- M. Baker motion to go into executive session to discuss resumés
- Shuffield seconds
- Baker: Y; Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y; Womble: Y

Executive session begins 4:30 p.m.

Return to general session 6 p.m.

So far, 4 candidates have applied. Deadline was 4:30 p.m. today. Womble will check post office tomorrow morning.

Candidates

- Hughes motion to interview all candidates
- Shuffield seconds
- Hughes: Y; Shuffield: Y; Womble: Y; Baker: Y

Interview schedule

- Womble motion to hold special council meeting Tuesday, Jan. 3, at 4:30 p.m. to interview each candidate in 30-minute slots
- Shuffield seconds
- Womble: Y; Shuffield: Y; Baker: Y; Hughes: Y

Salary

- Womble motion to set police chief's annual salary at \$41,600
- Shuffield seconds
- Womble: Y; Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y; Baker: Y

Baker says need to put together a list of the city's benefit package. Hughes mentions \$50/month phone stipend and quarterly uniform allowance.

At end of meeting, Sgt. Toby Morales alerted Womble that Police Chief Shane Davis' resignation/retirement has already become effective.

- Shuffield motion to appoint Morales as acting chief until a new one is hired
- Hughes seconds
- Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y; Womble: Y; Baker: Y

Morales' pay

- Womble motion to increase Morales' pay to \$20/hour while he is appointed interim chief
- Shuffield seconds
- Womble: Y; Shuffield: Y; Hughes: Y; Baker: Y

Adjournment

- Womble motion to adjourn
- Shuffield seconds
- Womble: Y; Shuffield: Y; Baker: Y; Hughes: Y

Attest: _____
Shira Kelley, secretary

Approved: _____
Kevin Baker, Mayor

Date: _____