

**City Council of the City of New Castle
Special Council Meeting at Town Hall
201 Delaware Street – New Castle
Tuesday – April 30, 2013 – 5:00 p.m.**

Call to Order – 5:02 pm

Roll Call:

Council President Barthel
Councilperson Cochran
Councilperson Megginson
Councilperson Petty
Councilperson Gaworski

Also present:

City Solicitor, Daniel Losco
Candidate for City Clerk, Ms. Jamie Stewart

Council President opened the meeting by stating that Council was meeting to resolve the tie vote for the election of a new City Clerk. He asked the City Solicitor to summarize the situation.

Mr. Losco stated that during the election there was no declared candidate for the office of City Clerk, however there were some write-in votes. Dr. Thomas Maddux received four write-in votes, and three other persons had received two write-in votes. Dr. Maddux and one of the individuals receiving two votes, Mr. Eliecer Infante supplied the City with letters of withdrawal, leaving Ms. Janet Wurtzel and Ms. Jamie Stewart as candidates for the office of City Clerk.

Mr. Losco stated that he had spoken to both Ms. Stewart and Ms. Wurtzel, and both had indicated that they would like to be considered for the office of City Clerk.

Mr. Losco went on to say that the City Charter gives Council the authority to decide a tie by a majority vote.

According to the Charter, Council may entertain a motion to select a particular candidate, if the motion is seconded Council may vote, if you have a majority vote, that person would be selected. If the first person, so selected is not approved by a majority vote, you would make a motion to vote on the second party.

President Barthel asked Ms. Stewart if she would like to present anything to Council on her behalf.

Ms. Stewart spoke to Council, stating she has a great interest in the City of New Castle whether it is elections or community efforts. Ms. Stewart said she felt the Clerk position was unique, in that it is not a political position. The Clerk records and transcribes the meetings and gets the information back to the Council members. Ms. Stewart said has the time to do that, and is looking forward to doing that, and thanked Council for their consideration.

President Barthel read an email from Ms. Wurtzel, as she was unable to attend. Indicating that she would like to be considered as a candidate and asking Council not to interpret her absence as disinterest in the position. Ms. Wurtzel's email stated that she felt she had the ability to fulfill the duties of the position, and her resume was attached.

President Barthel made a motion to nominate Janet Wurtzel for the City Clerk Position.

Councilperson Cochran seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Barthel declared Janet Wurtzel the new City Clerk, and added that this was not an easy decision, and thanked Ms. Stewart for stepping up and offering to do her civic duty.

Ms. Stewart thanked Council for their consideration, and wished Ms. Wurtzel well, saying she felt she was a very competent person for the position.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Burgmuller