

**FAYETTEVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 6, 2007  
5:30 P.M.  
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER**

Present: Mayor Anthony G. Chavonne  
Council Members Keith A. Bates, Sr. (District 1); Charles E. Evans (District 2); Robert A. Massey, Jr. (District 3); Darrell J. Haire (District 4); Robert T. Hurst (District 5); William J. L. Crisp (District 6); Valencia A. Applewhite (District 7); Theodore W. Mohn (District 8); Wesley A. Meredith (District 9)  
Others Present: Kyle Sonnenberg, Assistant City Manager  
Doug Hewett, Assistant City Manager  
Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney  
Members of the Press

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Chavonne called the special meeting to order.

**2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Council Member Evans moved to approve the agenda.

**SECOND:** Council Member Meredith

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**3. CLOSED SESSION FOR CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**

**MOTION:** Council Member Meredith moved to go into closed session for consultation with attorney.

**SECOND:** Council Member Evans

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

The regular session recessed at 5:33 p.m.

The regular session reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

**MOTION:** Council Member Evans moved to go into open session.

**SECOND:** Council Member Meredith

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**4. DISCUSSION OF LETTER RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Karen M. McDonald, City Attorney, referenced a letter previously sent to Council Members from the District Attorney in which the District Attorney proposed to conduct an investigation into the accident that occurred on October 25, 2007. Mrs. McDonald stated that as a part of the investigation, the District Attorney has asked that the city refrain from conducting any other investigations during the time his investigation is pending.

Mayor Chavonne asked if the District Attorney referenced Council action at the November 30, 2007 meeting regarding the issuance of a ticket to Diana Knight. Mrs. McDonald responded that the District Attorney stated he would feel compelled to conduct a formal criminal inquiry concerning possible obstruction of justice should the city pursue issuance of a citation to Diana Knight.

**MOTION:** Council Member Evans moved to rescind the action taken to instruct the city manager to issue a ticket to Diana Knight.

**SECOND:** Council Member Crisp

**VOTE:** UNANIMOUS (10-0)

**MOTION:** Council Member Massey moved that the city table any investigations into this matter until the District Attorney has completed his investigation as stated in his letter to City Attorney Karen M. McDonald dated December 3, 2007.

**SECOND:** Council Member Bates

Council Member Haire asked Council Member Massey whether there would be an opportunity to revisit the matter following the District Attorney's investigation. Council Member Massey responded in the affirmative.

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS (10-0)**

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.