

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE ADRIAN CITY COUNCIL HELD
HELD FOR THE PURPOSE OF ANNEXATION
MEDIATION IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF CITY HALL THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: The Special Meeting for Annexation Mediation was acknowledged by Councilmembers at 5:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following present:

Councilmember's: John W. Faber, Dean Von Holtum, Ron Lonneman, Joe Hornstein, and Tracy Kunkel
Dept. Heads: Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

City Attorney Brian Daiker

Guests: Administrative Law Judge (Mediator) Jessica A. Palmer-Denig, Attorney Reece M. Almond, various Olney Township Representatives, various Westside Township Representatives, and area private landowners

ANNEXATION MEDIATION; Rules and Procedures: Judge Palmer-Denig met with all-attending parties in the Council Chambers at 5:00 PM. Palmer-Denig explained that she was attending to possibly mediate an annexation agreement prior to an Annexation Hearing; which is scheduled for Friday, August 4, 2017. Palmer-Denig explained the meeting's confidentiality requirements and how communication will be managed. After these directions were shared, the Township's personnel and private landowners moved to the Government Center side of the Adrian Government Center and the City Council remained in the Council Chambers.

Mediation: Palmer-Denig obtained the Council's consensus on the pending Annexation. The Township's and area landowners then offered their reciprocating thoughts through Palmer-Denig. After Palmer-Denig made three visits to both groups, the Council ended the mediation process; thus removing all negotiated items from being offered.

Future Mediations: A future mediation will still be possible. However, the required public notification period and limited amount of days will make it difficult to meet before the Friday, August 4, 2017 Annexation Hearing.

ANNEXATION HEARING; Friday, August 4, 2017: Palmer-Denig stated that Administrative Law Judge Tammy L. Pust is scheduled to hold an Annexation Hearing within the Adrian Government Center's Council Chambers on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 10:00 AM. All of the mediation discussions were now mute items. However, as stated earlier, it is still possible to further mediate this annexation process prior to that August 4, 2017 date.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business appearing, the Mediation Meeting adjourned at 8:58 P.M. and the City Council's quorum presence dispersed.

/s/ Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer Bruce A. Heitkamp

/s/ Mayor John W. Faber