

**MINUTES OF THE
SUMMERFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL CALL MEETING
SUMMERFIELD TOWN HALL
March 21, 2008
10:00 AM**

The meeting was called to order by Mark Brown.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Council:

Mark Brown, Mayor
Dena Barnes, Pro Tem
Alicia Flowers
Becky Strickland
Bob Williams
John Wray

Staff:

Michael Brandt, Interim Town Administrator
Bill Hill, Town Attorney

Brown read the reason for entering into a Closed Session as follows:

CLOSED SESSION:

A) consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee as provided under NCGS 143-318.11(a) (6).

Wray made a motion to enter into closed session based on the above reason. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously. Brandt was excused from the closed session.

Wray made a motion to return to open session. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Brandt returned following the closed session.

Wray made a motion to hire Brandt as the Town Manager of Summerfield for a period of two years from the date of the resolution, which is January 2010. Barnes made a substitute motion to offer Brandt the position of the Town Manager of Summerfield and instruct the attorney to renegotiate a contract for a period of one to two years. Wray withdrew his motion in lieu of Barnes' motion. The motion was seconded by Williams.

Strickland stated prior to the vote that this has nothing to do with Brandt or his capabilities but with the position. She feels firmly that the town should advertise for applications, that the process should be followed the way she feels the referendum intended.

Brown called for a vote. The motion passed 3 to 2, with Strickland and Flowers opposed.

Strickland asked that the record show she would like to be formally excused as she was leaving the meeting.

Flowers made a motion to formally excuse Strickland from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

With no further business before the Town Council, a motion was made by Barnes to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Wray and carried unanimously.

Mark E. Brown, Mayor

Valarie Halvorsen, Town Clerk