

Minutes of the
SPECIAL MEETING
of the
CITY COUNCIL
LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

January 14, 2025
6:30 p.m.

PRESIDING: Mayor David Bennett

PRESENT: Council Members Arch Willingham, Taylor Watson, Caroline Williams, Tony Towns, and Kevin Leckenby; City Attorney Bill Pickering; and City Manager Kenny Lee.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor David Bennett called the Special Meeting of the City Council to order at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at City Hall, 1214 Lula Lake Road, Lookout Mountain, Georgia 30750. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to further consider the appointment of a new Chief of Police and Fire. The Council interviewed candidates for the position on January 9, 2025.

POTENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF OF POLICE AND FIRE/EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss the potential appointment of a new Chief of Police and Fire. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tony Towns and passed unanimously. The Council then met in Executive Session for the purpose stated.

REOPEN REGULAR MEETING/APPOINTMENT OF NEW CHIEF: Following the Executive Session, the Council reopened the Special Meeting. All members of the Council agreed that there were two excellent candidates for the position of Chief of Police and Fire, Wes Barrett and Jason Lewis, and that the City could not go wrong in selecting either candidate. Council Member Arch Willingham made a motion that the Council offer Jason Lewis the position of Chief of Police and Fire. The motion was seconded by Council Member Tony Towns and passed by a vote of 3 to 2, with Council Members Taylor Watson and Kevin Leckenby favoring Wes Barrett. Mayor Bennett telephoned Mr. Lewis and offered him the position. Mr. Lewis accepted the appointment.

There being no further business, the Special Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Roberts
City Clerk