



## TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Eugene J. Schulze, Interim Mayor  
William S. Jensen, Scott R. Lassiter, Nicole L. Dozier,  
and Denise C. Wilkie, Council Members  
Bruce A. Radford, Town Manager  
Donna B. Hosch, CMC, NCCMC, Town Clerk  
Henry C. Fordham, Jr., Town Attorney

The Special Meeting of the Apex Town Council scheduled for Monday, February 10, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. was held in the Training Room at Apex Town Hall, 73 Hunter Street

In attendance were Interim Mayor Eugene J. Schulze, and Council Members William S. Jensen, Scott R. Lassiter, Nicole L. Dozier, and Denise C. Wilkie. Also in attendance were Town Manager Bruce A. Radford, Town Clerk Donna B. Hosch, and Town Attorney Henry C. Fordham, Jr.

### COMMENCEMENT

Interim Mayor Schulze called the meeting to order, gave the Invocation, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### **Consent 01 Public Utility Easement in favor of Duke Energy**

INTERIM MAYOR SCHULZE CALLED FOR A MOTION. COUNCIL MEMBER JENSEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE EASEMENT; COUNCIL MEMBER DOZIER SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS 4-0 VOTE.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **New Business 01: Town Council**

##### **Appointment of a new Mayor and selection of a Mayor to fill the present term**

Interim Mayor Schulze explained the selection process and presented the names of the applicants: Rome Fontaine, Catherine Jones, Gene Schulze, and William "Bill" Sutton. Interim Mayor Schulze stated that this process had not been defined and that it was important to receive citizen input. Several citizens spoke to the experience, knowledge, and dedication to Apex of Gene Schulze and Bill Sutton.

Council stated there were good candidates, two very strong, so a decision should be able to be made on this night. Consensus of all Council was to discuss the top two applicants – Gene Schulze and Bill Sutton.

Council Member Jensen stated both candidates are tremendous advocates for the Town and have put in a lot of service. His vote was for Mr. Sutton because he knows the mechanisms of the Town, served on the Town Council and Planning Boards, and worked in two other towns temporarily as manager. He is in favor of Economic Development, and his vision of a live/work community is critical. Mr. Sutton knows many out-of-towners who he can work with.

Council Member Wilkie stated she had conversations with a cross section of folks in Town, and she mainly heard that citizens wanted someone with experience. Council Member Schulze was spoken of highly; he had been very kind in her transition. However, citizens wanted continuity and would like the Council to stay as it is. They did not wish to see a Mayor and then another Council member being appointed. The person selected should be interim and then let the people select who would be Mayor when the term runs out. Therefore, her support was for Mr. Sutton.

Council Member Schulze spoke about his many years involvement in the community and that the mayorship has to do with what is right for Apex. He has good relationships with businesses, the schools, and state-level contacts. He knows how things operate and how to get things done. While he wishes to become mayor, he will support Mr. Sutton if he is selected.

Council Member Lassiter stated he thought this would be a no brainer. He talked about precedent, continuity, and the chain of command. Apex was fortunate to have two fantastic candidates. His support was for Council Member Schulze.

Council Member Dozier stated she had also been contacted by the citizens. She viewed this as a positive problem to have two great people willing to serve. She wished for the Council to stay as it is. She loves that the senior members of Council will help her to become a better Council person, and she looks to Council Member Schulze for this. She did not feel he could do that if he was Mayor. Seeing as she wanted to keep things the way they are with her colleagues, her support was for Mr. Sutton.

INTERIM MAYOR SCHULZE CALLED FOR A MOTION. COUNCIL MEMBER JENSEN MADE THE MOTION TO APPOINT WILLIAM SUTTON AS MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBER WILKIE SECONDED THE MOTION.  
THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS 4-0 VOTE.

Mr. Sutton thanked the Council and citizens. He loves Apex, he wants to help people, and he wants to help the Council meet their agenda. He will be accessible, and he wants to see commercial come to Apex so people can work and live here. He will not serve beyond the term of the office.

Council stated that Mr. Sutton would be sworn in to office at the next Regular Council Meeting on February 18, 2014.

## ADJOURNMENT

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With there being no further business,

INTERIM MAYOR SCHULZE CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ADJOURN. COUNCIL MEMBER JENSEN MADE THE MOTION; COUNCIL MEMBER LASSITER SECONDED THE MOTION.  
THE MOTION CARRIED BY A UNANIMOUS 4-0 VOTE.

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Donna B. Hosch, CMC, NCCMC  
Town Clerk

ATTEST:

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Eugene J. Schulze  
Interim Mayor