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A special meeting of the Fort Scott City Commission was held September  $22^{\rm nd}$ , 2022, at 2:00 p.m. in the City Commission Meeting Room, 123 S. Main Street, Fort Scott, Kansas.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Josh Jones, Shane Walker, and Matthew Wells were present with Mayor Kathryn Harrington presiding. Tim Van Hoecke was absent.

**AUDIENCE IN ATTENDANCE:** Brad Matkin, Anne Dare, Rob Harrington, Lisa Lewis and representing the press, Tammy Helm, Fort Scott Tribune.

1. Accept severance agreement of Kelley Zellner - City Attorney aid that there are copies in front of the Commission of the severance agreement. Kelley Zellner has signed this agreement. This agreement includes one month of salary as well as his unused vacation and sick leave pay. His advice is for the Commission to approve the agreement and move forward.

Josh asked if we didn't sign the agreement if it would lead to litigation.

City Attorney said yes it would. Bob said that he has resigned from his position, and this will finalize it.

Katie said that she is struggling with paying out his vacation when he was off almost every Friday.

Josh said that he has sat through two litigations, and it will not benefit the City. It will cost taxpayers probably \$10,000 to \$20,000 or we can pay him for the 16 days that he has been off along with the 30 day severance agreement

Shane agreed with Josh.

J. Jones moved to approve the severance agreement with Kelley Zellner effective September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. S. Walker seconded. J. Jones, S. Walker and K. Harrington voted aye. M. Wells voted no. Motion carried 3-1.

APPROVED SEVERANCE AGREEMENT WITH KELLEY ZELLNER EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2022.

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### **ADJOURNMENT:**

M. Wells moved to adjourn the special meeting at  $2:09~\mathrm{p.m.}$  J. Jones seconded. All voted aye.

## ADJOURNED MEETING AT 2:09 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane K. Clay, MMC City Clerk