Horton City Clerk's resignation accepted Monday (KAIR)--The Horton City Clerk has resigned.

Kimberly Knudson submitted her letter of resignation to the City Commission, leading to a special session held Monday evening. Acceptance of her resignation was one of three motions made, and approved, once the closed door executive session, held to discuss non-elected personnel. concluded.

Once Knudson's resignation was accepted, the motion was made to appoint Carol Stirton as interim City Clerk, followed by the third, approving a pay increase of \$2 per hour for Stirton and Utility Clerk Evva Mayfield

Mayor Bryan Stirton tells MSC News while he voted in favor of accepting Knudson's resignation, he abstained from voting on the two motions that followed.

Knudson has held the role since March 2013 when initially named to the former joint city position of City Clerk/City Administrator.

On Tuesday morning, Knudson released a statement, saying "after careful consideration," she "concluded that it was in [her] best interest to formally submit [her] resignation as City Clerk/Interim City Adminstrator," and sends thanks to "the majority of Commissioners for their support" during her 11-years of employment with the City.

Knudson, in her statement, adds that her "number one priority has always been the residents of the city, and spending tax dollars wisely," adding that "even though [her] opinions, suggestions, or expertise of the city budget was not always appreciated by the Commission, [she] voiced it anyway," as that was the job she signed on to do," saying she "did it daily with honesty, professionalism, and integrity."

Saying that she "will be forever grateful" for the people she's met, Knudson concludes her statement by wishing "the future City Clerk well in his/her role, adding that "City Commissioners support is paramount in making the position a success."

"After careful consideration, I concluded that it was in my best interest to formally submit my resignation as City Clerk/Interim City Administrator effective Wednesday, April 17th . I want to thank the majority of the Commissioners for their support during my 11 years of employment with the City of Horton. My number one priority has always been the residents of the city, and spending tax dollars wisely. Even though my opinion, suggestions, or expertise of the city budget was not always appreciated by the Commission, I voiced it anyway. That was the job that I signed on to do, and I did it daily with honesty, professionalism, and integrity. Although I wasn't born and raised in Horton, I always focused on what was best for the city, employees, and its residents. I will be forever grateful for the people I have met and friendships I have made, both personal and professional. I wish the future City Clerk well in his/her role. City Commissioners support is paramount in making the position a success."

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