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Berlon Weeks moves forward with suit against Bronson Town manager interviews slated for Friday and Saturday



This is a picture from the video record of the Dec. 7 meeting of the Bronson Town Council. Seen here are (from left) Town Clerk Melisa Thompson, Vice Mayor Jason Hunt, Mayor Beatrice Roberts, Town Councilman Aaron Edmondson and Town Councilman Robert Partin. Here, they are seen moments before Edmondson made a motion, seconded by Hunt, with a unanimous vote of approval, to delay the appointment of a person for Seat 5 to replace Town Councilman Berlon Weeks. Video Provided By Town Of Bronson

By Jeff M. Hardison © Dec. 9, 2020 at 4:10 p.m.

BRONSON – In a telephone interview Wednesday afternoon (Dec. 9), Berlon Weeks confirmed that attorney W. Blake Fugate, on his behalf, is moving forward in civil court with an action against the Town Council of Bronson.

Weeks has repeatedly told the Town Council that he has not resigned from the Bronson Town Council.

“I am an elected official, elected by the people of the Town of Bronson,” Weeks said. “I’ve given the Town Council every opportunity to recognize that I am still elected.”

Since the Town Council voted 3-1 to “accept” Weeks’ verbal resignation, it has maintained that he is no longer on Town Council.

Bronson Town Attorney Stephen Warm on Monday night (Dec. 7) said he could not guarantee that a judge would agree with his contention that Weeks resigned, and that that Town Council was proper in affirming that alleged choice. Nevertheless, Warm intimated that he felt comfortable in his interpretation of the law and facts in this civil matter.

Meanwhile on Monday night, though, the Town Council voted 4-0 to delay seating a person in the seat they believe is vacant. That process will not begin again until the first meeting in February of 2021. The normal election for Weeks’ seat is in September.

TOWN TO INTERVIEW FIVE MANAGER CANDIDATES

In another matter related to the governance and operations of the Town of Bronson, the Town Council on Monday night established its plan to interview two candidates for its future town manager on Friday and three others on Saturday.

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Interviews are scheduled for Friday (Dec. 11) from 3 to 5:45 p.m. and on Saturday (Dec. 12) from 8:30 to 11:15 a.m. in the Dogan S. Cobb Municipal Building, 660 E. Hathaway Ave. (U.S. Alt. 27) in Bronson.

The notice from the town clearly states “Note: All persons attending the above-scheduled events need to wear a COVID-19 mask.”

Kenan McGill is set for interview on Friday from 3 to 4:15 p.m. George Beckhart is set for interview on Friday from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m.

There was going to be a reception on Friday, but that was cancelled because the building is too small to have it – due to COVID-19. On Monday night, Mayor Beatrice Roberts mentioned the First Baptist Church of Bronson was booked for an event Friday – therefore, there was no place in Bronson to have a reception.

On Saturday, Susan Beaudet is set for interview from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. Rodney Lucas is set for interview from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

The Town Council will conduct a meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday to discuss the five candidates and a selection to be considered as finalists for the post of town manager of Bronson.