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## Minutes Board of Alderman February 23, 2024, Special Call Meeting

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor James Harris

**Roll Call**: A quorum was established with the following members present Devin Flowers, Robert Hunter, Robbie Siadek, Nia Johnson, and James Ginn.

**Invocation:** Robert Hunter

Pledge of Allegiance: James Ginn

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda: Motioned by Siadek. Seconded by Johnson. No discussion. Motion passed.

**Approval of January 2024 Financials:** Motioned by Johnson. Seconded by Ginn. No discussion. Motion passed.

Quest Energy Reference Solar Farm Discussion: NuQuest Energy VP of Development, Andrew Makee, shared a well-organized and informative presentation regarding the creation, construction, productivity, and benefit of a NuQuest Solar farm project. This project is currently in its proposal stages awaiting approval. If approved, in its construction stages it can provide upwards of three hundred jobs to residents with minimum experience and upon completion provides opportunities for third party contractors to provide maintenance on the grounds as well as solar panels. This project will cost approximately \$100,000,000 and will tentatively take 6 years to complete. This project proposes benefits to landowners by providing long-term, dependable, and predictable income. A potential increase annual cash flow per acre, boost of tax revenues, create jobs in local community, supports energy stability, creates local independence, and fosters land regeneration through 35+ years of sitting fallow.

## Council Comments

Flowers: Thanked NuQuest Energy for coming to enlighten the council and constituents.

**Hunter**: Thanked everyone for coming and gave a special thanks to the guests for a thorough presentation.