

**Norris City Council  
Special Called Meeting**

**September 6, 2023  
5:00 p.m.**

**Minutes**

The special called meeting of the City Council of Norris Tennessee convened September 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

The following council members were present: Bill Grieve, Will Grinder, Chuck Nicholson, Loretta Painter and Mayor Chris Mitchell.

Also present were Charles Adam Ledford, City Manager and Bailey Whited, Assistant City Manager, Sandy Johnson, City Recorder and representative of the press from Norris Bulletin.

Legal Representation: P. Edward Pratt and Brian Bibb

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Mitchell.

Mayor Mitchell made a motion to go into closed session to hear from legal representation regarding Covenant Life International, Inc. v. City of Norris under Tennessee Code Annotated 8-44 and Councilmember Painter seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with all councilmembers voting "Aye."

At 5:10 p.m. the recording device was turned off and members of the audience and several staff members exited the room.

Mayor Mitchell reconvened the meeting at 5:39 p.m., members of audience and staff rejoined and recording device was turned back on.

Councilmember Painter made a motion to grant legal authorization and permission to file a responsive plead and include counter claim, and Councilmember Nicholson seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with all councilmembers voting "Aye."

Councilmember Painter made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember Grieve seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote with all councilmembers voting "Aye." The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

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Sandy Johnson, City Recorder

**APPROVED BY CITY COUNCIL**  
October 9, 2023

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Chris Mitchell, Mayor