

## In a surprise, Greenough selected as mayor

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CRESCENT CITY — There was a seismic shift in local government Monday when three members — two new to the council — were sworn into the city council and in one of their first moves, elected a mayor and mayor pro tem from their group.

Shortly after Jason Greenough, Alex Campbell and Beau Smith took their seats, the three voted together to name Greenough mayor and Campbell as mayor pro tem. Blake Inscore, who served as mayor heading into the meeting, was also nominated as mayor, but the nomination was defeated by a 3-2 vote. Inscore and Councilman Isaiah Wright voted for Inscore's nomination and against Greenough's.

As soon as the vote concluded, Greenough took over as mayor and finished up the meeting.

Before the vote, Heidi Kime, who served as mayor pro tem before leaving the board Monday, and several residents who wrote letters asked the council to reappoint Inscore as mayor.

During her farewell speech, Kime told the board Inscore would be the best choice to continue to lead the city.

“I really hope you guys elect Blake to be the mayor again,” she said. “I think, Jason, you would be a great pro tem and really get some experience in that position. It’s a lot of work, a lot of effort, and Blake, I think you’re a wonderful leader. I really hope that happens tonight.”

City Clerk Robin Patch then read three letters into the record.

“I would like to take a moment to express my support that Blake Inscore remain mayor of Crescent City,” Herman Brinkle wrote. “He has the skills, knowledge and required relationships to keep our city going in the right direction. Mr. Inscore most closely represents my ideals as a constituent.”

Tamara Leighton also wrote in favor of Inscore, saying his preparation sets him apart from the rest of the council.

“Mayor Inscore is respectable to all people and opinions, and he is collaborative and works in a way to bring people together,” Leighton wrote. “Please vote for his continued service to the city. I strongly support Blake Inscore for mayor of Crescent City.”

Brad Kime also wrote in his support.

“I want to lend my support for Blake Inscore to remain as mayor for our continuity,” he said. “He has done an exemplary job for the last six years. His commitment to the community is unmatched.”

After Patch finished reading the letters, Campbell made a motion to appoint Greenough as mayor and Smith seconded it. A second motion by Wright to name Inscore as mayor was seconded by Inscore. The 3-2 votes then made Greenough mayor. By a 4-1 vote, with Inscore voting no, Campbell was named mayor pro tem.