

Council fires city administrator, mayor resigns from council

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The Douglas City Council members voted 3 to 2 in favor of terminating the employment contract between the City of Douglas and City Administrator Bobbe Fitzhugh Monday night, following a lengthy executive closed session.

Council members Bob Chiapuzio, Kathy Russell and Tony Reynolds voted to terminate Fitzhugh's contract. Mayor Jim Schneider and Councilman Marilyn Werner were against Fitzhugh's termination in the roll call vote.

Following the vote for Fitzhugh's termination, Mayor Schneider announced his immediate resignation from the council. Schneider cited a continuously contentious council and personal matters as the reasons for his resignation.

An interim mayor will likely be appointed from within the council, according to City Attorney Jim Hardee.

Fitzhugh will receive a lump-sum severance package equivalent to six months salary in the wake of her termination.