

Woodward City Council Special Session
Monday December 26, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Folkerts calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present: Stone, Godwin, Patel, Gough. Absent: Kirts.

Motion Stone to approve agenda as presented. 2nd Godwin. MCU

Motion Godwin to discuss Appointment of Interim Chief of Police. 2nd Patel. MCU. Folkerts explains that Chief Twigg will be leaving the city on medical retirement as of December 31st, 2023. Folkerts proposes Jim Graham, current part-time officer for the city, as Interim Chief of Police until a new full-time chief of police is hired. Jim Graham speaks to the council thanking them for the opportunity. Office Graham answers inquiry from Godwin stating that he would be open to being a part-time Chief of Police if the offer would arise. Motion Godwin to appoint Jim Graham as Interim Chief of Police for Woodward. 2nd Stone. Roll Call; Aye: Godwin, Patel, Gough, Stone. Motion carries 4:0.

Mayor Folkerts administers the oath of office for Interim Chief of Police Jim Graham.

Motion Stone to discuss Interim Chief of Police salary. 2nd Patel. MCU. Patel motion to hire Jim Graham as Interim Chief of Police at \$35.00 per hour. 2nd Stone. Roll Call; Aye: Patel, Gough, Stone, Godwin. Motion carries 4:0.

Motion Stone to discuss Consideration of Reserve Compensation. 2nd Godwin. MCU. Mayor Folkerts explains to council that previously, reserve officers had been approved for call-out pay. He requests that with Interim Chief Graham being part-time, reserve officers who patrol during hours that Graham cannot, they be compensated for their time. Council members inquire about current pay schedules for the officers already approved for pay. The 2 part-time certified officers pay is \$24.72/hr, part time non-certified pay is \$20.60/hr and reserve on a call out basis is \$18.00/hr. Godwin motions to approve compensation for reserve officers at their current pay rate. 2nd Patel. Roll Call: Aye: Gough, Stone, Godwin, Patel. Motion carries 4:0.

Gough motions to waive pay for special session. 2nd Godwin. Roll Call: Aye: Stone, Godwin, Patel, Gough. Motion carries 4:0.

Patel inquires about any costs that were acquired during Chief Twigg's employment. Council and Clerk state that there were no costs outside of conference trainings for his certification as he was already certified at his hire. Mayor Folkerts thanks council for convening for this special session. He also states that during council member Patel's vacation, council member Gough will fill in on personnel committee in the event that there are interviews scheduled for Chief of Police.

Motion Stone to adjourn. 2nd Patel. MCU. Meeting adjourns at 7:18 pm.