

Woodward Council Minutes

Oct 1, SS 2019

Mayor Todd Folkerts called the Oct 1st SS, Council meeting to order at 7:00pm. Roll Call: Present; Bustad, Luke, Gough, Kirts, Patel.

Motion Bustad approve the agenda 2nd Kirts MCU.

Motion Luke, discuss hiring a police officer, 2nd Patel MCU. Police Chief Cox has taken a new full-time position starting on Oct 18, 2019. The personnel Committee needs to move forward with hiring, the Council decides how to proceed. Luke thanked Cox for his service to our Community, interacting with the kids, providing service above and beyond. We are happy for you bettering himself, everyone agreed.

Cox, bittersweet excited and sad. New job Mon through Fri 8-4:30. He has talked to Granger a couple of part-time Officers can help out. Chief Cox will be available on the weekends, and would be glad to set in on the interview process.

Mayor Folkerts; there was a coffee a couple of weeks ago Dallas Co Sheriff a non-resident held the meeting, invited a couple of council, the Mayor. Leonard, provided a budget for County coverage. It is \$10,000 over what we currently spend now. Mayor is a supporter of having a full-time officer in town. The County would be on their own schedule, the City would lose the ability for scheduling and quick response. Luke 100% hiring a City Police Officer.

Kirts visited Chad Leonard and apologized on the City's behalf, and the misrepresented view of City Officials. Folkerts talked to citizens after, it was rumored that the cost is half the price to go with the County, that is not the case.

Gough, there was a solid figure comparison, the argument has been put to rest. Perry, Granger, have their own department. Gough, all of the City equipment, vehicles get turned over to the County it would be hard to start back up if we did not like the County services provided.

Patel, wants clarification for the Public, he would like the Sheriff on the agenda at the regular Council meeting. Luke is not willing to wait until Nov, to begin the hiring process. Patel, it is for the Community. Gough we can change are mind at any.

Folkerts, Patel you can personally invite Sherriff Leonard to the Oct Meeting. We don't want to lose the ability to move forward, we have a part-time schedule and compliance issues.

Motion Gough, direct the Personnel Committee to advertise for a full-time police officer position, 2nd Bustad. Roll Call: Ayes; Bustad, Luke, Gough, Kirts, Patel.

Motion Bustad waive Council pay for the Oct 2, SS meeting 2nd Kirts. Roll Call: Ayes; Luke, Gough, Kirts, Patel, Bustad.

Mayor Council Comments: Bustad, broken bottles at the bottom of the slide in the park. She caught kids trying to kick in the door at the shelter. Bustad will be putting camera's up at the park.

Patel thanked Cox for his work. Mayor and Council thank you Joe for making a difference.

Motion Patel adjourn the meeting at 7:45pm, 2nd Gough MCU.

Christina Perkins, City Clerk Finance Officer

Attest: Todd Folkerts, Mayor