

Special Meeting
Work on budget/ Police Dept.
August 13th 2026

Mayor Randy Jones called the meeting to order

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Roll call: TJ Duncan, Ken Collins, Allan Adelman, and Debra Rice were all present.

Randy stated that Liz Hart had prepared documents for them to go over regarding the General Fund, with ending balances from 2015 till now. Water fund is sustaining itself now, no need to transfer in to it.

Liz presented the numbers that would need to go into the budget in case they do decide to have 2 full- time police officers. It will not change the mill levy, only the transfer. The cities money comes from utilities, not taxes. She believes the money is there. It will not effect having another full- time public works employee, that money is already there, and they are not paid out of the General Fund. Allan says they haven't been able to get anyone to stay and they may need to pay more to get a public works employee. He is afraid about the future. Liz says the city office went down to one person, but still had it in the budget for 2. Allan wants to see some kind of projection for 5 years in the future. Randy said he could probably do 2 or 3 years.

Ken says another full -time officer would be more dependable. The part timers have other obligations. TJ agrees that the part- time guy has other priorities to their full -time job. They have a lack of coverage now.

Allan says how can they afford another full -time officer when they don't even have match money for grants. Randy asks says who? TJ says former administration said that. Liz says that was not correct, they have the money. Liz says you can't get new people to move here if there are people in the park doing meth.

Allan says they haven't had full coverage in a long time, how do they know they need it. Ken says you don't know until you try it.

Liz says they can put it in the budget, it doesn't mean they have to make a decision to hire full time now.

Allan stated that it seems like they have all made up their minds. He is ready to go home. Randy says so you are willing to risk lack of coverage. Allan says Derek has not worked a full 40 hours a week like he was hired to. Randy says he just started, give him a break. He had a health issue. Randy says if the chief can make it work, maybe it should be a part- time position. Allan does to want to make a decision without more information. Randy says they have a deadline to submit a budget.

Ken thinks it would be good to budget for it, doesn't mean they have to do it. Debra asks if they don't budget for it and then want to do it anyway, does that mess up the budget. Liz says yes, you couldn't do it.

Randy handed out the paperwork Derek had left explaining the 12 - hour police schedule. Randy thinks they should at least put it in the budget just in case.

Ken motioned to budget for another full- time officer, Debra 2nd, TJ voted yes, Ken yes, Allan no, Debra yes, motion carried.

Debra motioned to publish the notice of the hearings for the RNR and budget, TJ 2nd, TJ yes, Ken yes, Allan no, Debra yes, motion carried.

TJ says they may need to have Derek get a medical release from his doctor.

Allan motioned to adjourn, Debra 2nd, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37PM