

**MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

AUGUST 13, 2012

Mayor Jeff Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Jeff Bertram, Jean Soine, Dennis Zimmerman, and Gene Beavers. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Bill Spooner, City Attorney; Lieutenant Bob Dickhaus, and Joe Schmitz.

Thompson closed the Special City Council meeting at 6:02 p.m. to meet in Closed Session to discuss personnel issues.

Thompson closed the Closed Session at 6:30 p.m. and re-opened the Special City Council Meeting and stated the Council discussed personnel issues in the Closed Session.

Motion was made by Beavers to continue the paid administrative leave for Officer, Charles Buggs. Seconded by Bertram and passed 4:1 (Thompson, yes; Bertram, yes; Zimmerman, yes; Beavers, yes; and Soine, no).

POLICE CHIEF POSITION

Thompson summarized that the second candidate is on paid administrative leave and the third candidate is in New Jersey.

Eckerly distributed the Police Service Contract for patrol services for \$45.00 per hour. Dickhaus would continue to be the CLEO. It was suggested to have a discussion on hours of coverage as the City always has police coverage. The department is down one officer at 40 hour per week and the part-time officer is being utilized. Dickhaus suggested to have Council approve a certain number of hours and the department handle the scheduling. The Sheriff's Department can be contracted for any amount of time and the contract can be cancelled at any time. There is a part of coverage time that is on-call time. It was further suggested for Council to give Dickhaus some direction of what hours the Council wants covered.

Motion was made by Zimmerman to contract for 40 hours per month with the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and evaluate as needed. Seconded by Bertram and unanimously carried.

There was a mutual understanding of flexibility. The Council appreciates the Sheriff's Department and all their assistance. The Chief's position will be posted 7 days internally and 30 days externally.

Motion was made by Beavers to reject all current applicants and repost the Police Chief position 7 days internally and 30 days externally. Seconded by Soine and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.