

City of Clark Fork

Minutes of the 1/23/2023 Special Council Meeting for the City of Clark Fork.

Mayor Russell Schenck called the January 23, 2023 Special Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Schenck led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call of Council Members: Council Members Sharon Banning, Shari Jones, Jay White and Blaine Williams were present constituting a quorum.

ADDITIONS to the AGENDA: No.

Agenda:

A. Discussed RFP for Law Enforcement Workshop.

Mayor Schenck read through the draft RFP for Law Enforcement to the Council. Council Member White wanted a rotational schedule with no set hours. Council Member Jones asked Sheriff Wheeler how the program would work. Sheriff Wheeler said that the current contract in place between the City and Sheriff's office could be changed and that there is an area where we can request to add hours for a Deputy to patrol. Captain Henthall reported that the Sheriff's department is now at full staff. Deputies can work overtime to patrol Clark Fork, at \$35 to \$40 an hour, for time and a half. Sheriff Wheeler stated that an additional fee can be negotiable for staff to write incident reports for the City. Captain Henthall commented that there is more flexibility with staffing at different times of the year and that they get grants for overtime in the summer. He said they have a Relief Sergeant that they can assign teams to saturate the Clark Fork area "putting attention where attention is needed." Council Member Jones asked about the use of the boat station Deputy. Sheriff Wheeler responded that the Deputy is assigned to the boat station per a grant and can only go on Emergency calls. Mayor Schenck would rather change the existing contract, than to have to go through the RFP process if not necessary. Sheriff Wheeler said that once the contract is in place, they should be able to start soon and that the tracking is really simple to implement. Council Member Banning asked if there were any other suggestions on how the City could aid the Sheriff's department. Sheriff Wheeler said that a Neighborhood Watch program is helpful. Craig Nelson, who is the Neighborhood Watch Commander for the River Road area, explained how the program works. Council Member Williams asked Sheriff Wheeler if most of the crime is being done by repeat offenders. Sheriff Wheeler said that some are the usual suspects. Council Member Williams asked if we could have the photos and names of the perpetrators. Sheriff Wheeler said that they had gang books in the past, but the courts deemed them unconstitutional, but will ask their prosecuting attorney about it. Council Member Williams asked if there were peak hours for criminal activity. Sheriff Wheeler replied that crimes happen both day and night. Sheriff Wheeler concluded that if the Council modified and approved the contract regarding man hours, flexibility and reporting requirements, the Sheriff can implement the contract with his staff.

Adjournment: Council Member Jones moved to adjourn. Council Member Banning seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber Burgess, City Clerk/Treasurer

Russell W. Schenck, Mayor