Council Work Session Meeting
November 8, 2023

Members present were Mayor Trish Callahan, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Paul Price, Councilor Keith Gilliam, Councilor Peggy Davis-Gilliam and Councilor Alvin Thompson. President Stacy Equitz was absent.
Staff present was Treasurer Katie Misfeldt and City Recorder Lori Paxton.
Audience was Ryan Holley.

Councilor Price made a motion to open the meeting at 7:00 pm. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Mayor Callahan explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of our police department. Do we want to continue using the security team after the one year contract expires in June or do we want to hire someone and send them to the academy to become a certified police officer? We have someone who wants to get re-certified and be the officer in our town. He wants to build up the department and eventually start the reserve officer program again.

Treasurer Misfeldt said after running the numbers on the cost between the two, we can't afford the security team for long term. Hiring a police officer would be a little more expensive than security, but it just depends on what services the council wants to have. Mayor Callahan said we are just checking to see if this is feasible or not.

A general discussion ensued about the amount of hours we are getting for coverage from the security team, what they can and cant' do legally, not full filling the contract by still using our car and incident reports not being submitted each month. The council liked the idea of having a police officer so tickets can be written for traffic control, such as speeding has been a very big problem.

City Recorder Paxton told the council to be thinking about what you want to do and possibly vote on it at the next regular session.

Councilor Price made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.