

**Work Session / Special Session Council Meeting  
January 30, 2024**

Members present were Mayor Trish Callahan, President Stacy Equitz, Vice President Delena Oden, Councilor Alvin Thompson, Councilor Keith Gilliam and Councilor Peggy Davis-Gilliam. Councilor Paul Price was absent.

Staff present was City Recorder Lori Paxton.

Audience in attendance was Lyle Bozworth and Ryan and Tara Holley.

**Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to open the work session at 6PM. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Mayor Callahan said the reason for the this meeting is to discuss the council's decision to reopen the police department and discussion on the future of the AOCrisis Security Management contract. Mayor Callahan said we will have to send Ryan Holley to the police academy to become certified.

Wages: Mr. Holley suggested paying him a salary, versus hourly, that way no overtime would occur. He said he would like to schedule a 50 hour work week and offered up a salary of \$3,200 per month. The council discussed that proposal as well as paying him less salary during the time he is at the academy.

AOCrisis Security: Mayor Callahan said we need to decide if we want to keep the security thru the end of their contract or do we want to let them go after a 30 day termination letter. The security team has not turned in one code violation since they started, with the exception of Ryan's, in 8 months. Consensus to send the security team a 30 day notice of termination, March 1, 2024 being their last day.

A brief discussion was held on what would be the best time for Ryan to attend the academy. Ryan said he would call the academy and find out the dates.

Mayor Callahan said Ryan found a police vehicle for \$11,995. It is a Chevy Tahoe with low mileage and in excellent condition. It was used by the City of Klamath Falls police chief. She said we need to have something for him to drive in the winter months and the Charger would be better used during the summer months.

**President Equitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**President Equitz made a motion to open the special session at 6:56 pm. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

**Oath of Office:** City Recorder Paxton swore in Ryan Holley as our police officer.

**Wages: Vice President Oden made a motion to offer the salary of \$40,320 to Ryan Holley for the first year of employment. In this offer, it includes a lower partial wage for his time at the police academy and once he graduates the wage increases. President Equitz seconded. All ayes motion**

carried.

**AOCrisis Security:** Vice President Oden made a motion to issue a 30 day termination of their contract with the town, effective January 31 to March 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Councilor Davis-Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.

**Resolution #644:** A resolution adopting the the updates to the Jackson County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan. President Equitz made a motion to adopt Resolution #644. Vice President Oden seconded. All ayes motion carried.

**Public Works Job Opening:** Vice President Oden and Councilor Thompson volunteered to be on the hiring board along with the mayor and public works personnel. Interviews will be Monday February 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 pm. Council consensus.

Mayor Callahan said she received a proposal from Jeff (Skip) Brown. He offered to clean up the community forest land if we agreed to pay him \$30 an hour. This would include labor, his fuel cost, garbage bags and if he had to hire someone to help him. Council consensus not to hire Mr. Brown as he does not have a driver's license or insurance.

Vice President Oden said whoever we hire in public works, they can help do that job as long as they have the time or we give them more hours. Mayor Callahan and Mike Smeltz will follow up on this.

**Councilor Davis-Gilliam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm. Councilor Gilliam seconded. All ayes motion carried.**

Minutes submitted by City Recorder Lori Paxton.