

City of Grand Coulee
Special Meeting of the City Council
February 8, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Eylar called the meeting to order at approximately 6:44pm.

ROLL CALL:

The following were:

Present: Mayor Eylar, Council Members Tom Poplawski, Gary Carriere
Ruth Dalton, Anita Eylar, Mark Nash

Also Present: Clerk Pearce, Chief Tufts, Fire Chief Fish, Officer Johnson, Officer Martin, Officer Gilbert,
Patti Tufts, Andrea Schumaker and Travis Irwin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

AGENDA:

- 1. Discussion of Hiring a Police Officer:** Mayor Eylar stated that he had agreed with the decision to not fill the vacant police officer position prior to being elected, but with the current situation within the police department, he has changed his mind.

Officer Martin told the council that beginning in March the department will be down to four officers on active duty. The schedule has recently been adjusted in the hopes that the officers can have some time off, they are working 48 on 48 off at this time. This is not a sustainable schedule.

There was discussion of utilizing a portion of the Public Safety Tax monies that has been allocated for 2024 to offset a portion of the cost of the additional officer.

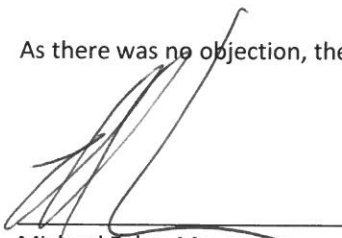
The city attorney will be contacted to verify that the Public Safety Tax can be used to fund an officer.

Mr. Nash motioned to hire an additional officer, Mr. Carriere second, motion carried.

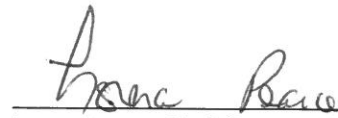
Mayor Eylar asked the finance committee to meet and discuss options for funding the position.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no objection, the mayor adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:57pm.



Michael Eylar, Mayor



Lorna Pearce, Clerk/Treasurer

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