

Elected Officials Present

Mayor, Amy Williford (AW)
Councilmember, Chris Lewis (CL) - **ABSENT**
Councilmember, Lucy Gamble (LG)
Councilmember, Donna Whitley (DW)

City Staff Present

Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble (RG)
Chief of Police, Chris Gilliland (CG)
Assistant City Clerk, Wendy Morris (WM)

The Mayor and City Council met for a Work Session on November 8, 2023. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Amy Williford at 06:01 pm.

I. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Water Superintendent, Robert Gamble.

II. **Citizen Comments & Discussion On Agenda Items:** None

III. **Business Session:**

1. **Mayor Williford:** Coin operated machine ordinance

- **Chief Gilliland:** Adopting the ordinance would benefit the city due to all the issues.

2. **Councilmember Whitley:**

- Raises for Robert and Tim in the water department. Robert has received under \$2.00 in raises over the last 6 years and Tim has received under \$1.30 in raises over the last 6 years. We are recommending giving Robert a \$2.00 hr. raise and Tim receiving a \$1.50 hr. raise.

3. **Councilmember Gamble:**

- The festival of trees will be given after breakfast with Santa on December 2, 2023. We will need volunteers, lights, ornaments, and trees beginning November 30 from 4-6 and December 1, all day to help get the trees decorated to give away to 10 needy families.
- The city is one of the lowest cost wise to rent the lobby and gym. A price increase is set for a vote on the next council meeting, Rates are suggested as follows: for the gym, lobby, and kitchen \$220 (3 hours); Kitchen and lobby (\$120 3 hours); Lobby only \$90 (3 hours).
- Kim Arnell – Suggest looking at replacing old lamps in the gym with halo lamps. They are more cost effective.

4. **Councilmember Whitley:**

- Purchasing a 40ft container to make us compliant. **Chief Gilliland:** The container will allow the city to store secure documents in a secure place. The container will be placed behind city hall.
- Purchasing a fingerprint scanner for the Police Department. **Lieutenant Salazar:** The fingerprint scanner will help identify people without their I.D.'s and confirm who someone is. **Chief Gilliland:** The fingerprint scanner will also help with someone who is non-verbal, someone that is having a medical emergency and/or deceased.
- Pay raises for the Police Department. The city is trying to be in line with other municipalities on pay. Chief Gilliland has been doing evaluations. Councilmember Lewis will go over the amount of the raises at the meeting on Monday. The following are set to receive a raise in



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the police department: Chief Gilliland, Officer Purcell, Lieutenant Salazar, and Corporal Creel.

IV. Citizen Comments:

V. Mayor/ Council/ City Staff comments

- Councilmember Gamble: Has received 1 estimate for the HVAC at the senior center and will work on getting (2) more estimates.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The November 8, 2023, work session ended at 06:47pm.

Amy R. Williford, Mayor

ATTEST: Clerk

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