Meeting: SPECIAL Date: December 20, 2012

## THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING IN <u>SPECIAL</u> SESSION WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM BY MIKE ALFERS, MAYOR, WITH THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Council Member: Don Ford Council Member: Paula Scott

Council Member: John Mitchell Council Member: Don Etchison

**Council Member: Adam Wright** 

Others: Cole Rush, Rob Pell, Allen Blake, and Leslie Warden.

Mayor Alfers opened the meeting by noting the object and purpose stated in the request for the governing body meeting: to hire a lineman and consider a police department purchase.

After brief discussion, Mitchell moved to offer Brian Steinle the lineman position at \$20.75 per hour, conditional upon his successful completion of a pre-employment drug test and physical. Wright seconded, and the motion carried.

Chief Pell requested to purchase three ballistics vests at \$1,300 a piece and to perform three weapon upgrades at \$500 each. Including shipping for the vests, this would be a total estimated expenditure of \$5,700. Scott asked if these items were specifically included in his 2013 budget. Pell responded negatively, but advised he has the room in the 2013 police department budget to handle these expenses. Scott asked if the need for these items supersedes the other needs he has budgeted for. In light of all that is going on, Pell felt it is a necessary purchase, noting some credible threats against law enforcement. Mayor Alfers suggested allocating additional funds to aid improving security, particularly since the City just proclaimed their commitment to helping with school security. Scott and Ford both voiced that this purchase must come from the original 2013 police department budget. Again, Pell advised he does not need additional funds and said he is "fully confident" he can remain within his 2013 budget. Scott encouraged Pell to continue to engage in long-range planning and requested to see the Police Department's "wish list" at the next Council meeting. Mitchell then moved to grant the police department's purchase request so long as the expenditure does not exceed \$5,700. Wright seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

At 6:30 PM, Scott moved and Mitchell seconded for adjournment. Motion carried.

/s/ Mike H. Alfers, Mayor

Attest:

/s/ Leslie Warden, City Clerk