

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING – SPECIAL
SEPTEMBER 26, 2011
TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Helen Gardner, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain, Bill Wenning and Herb Hunter.

Roll call was taken with all present.

RE: Passing Salary Ordinances for 2012 Budget

Council President stated that when the Council last met on the budget that the Council did not go through the added requests for the police department that effect the salary ordinance.

Question concerning the Psycho Motor Instructors (3) @ \$750 and part-Time dispatcher (2) @ \$15 an hour. City employees are getting .25 an hour raise and this would be \$1.75 raise for the part-time dispatcher.

Police Chief Stacey Chasteen stated that she and the Mayor came up with this because these three officers have to recertify every year. The officers are Larry Dance, Denny Blodgett and David Wilson. The two part-time dispatchers work over 30 hours a week, so they are more part-time/full-time without benefits.

A Council member questioned if there is any criteria of what is considered part-time/full-time dispatcher.

Motion by Jamie Cain and second by Herb Hunter to amend police department line 130 to add part-time less than 30 hours @ 13.25 an hour.

Jamie Cain Withdrew his motion.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Bill Wenning to make police department line 130 @ \$14.00 an hour for part-time dispatcher. Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Discussion was held pertaining to the Crossing Guard. It was explained they have 13 minutes to get the children out of the elementary school and now all are to ride a bus or parents are suppose to drop the children off. The City has to provide a crossing guard under the City's jurisdiction by State requirement.

Discussion was held concerning the raise for the exempt department heads. The Mayor asked to take the \$1000 raise he would be receiving and give \$100 to each of the exempt department heads. Council stated they had already lowered his raise from \$2000 to \$1000 and that would be \$500 from the City and \$500 from the Utilities. The Mayor then asked not to receive a raise.

Clerk-Treasurer stated the Council sets the raise for the Mayor, Council and Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion by Darrell Poling and seconded by Herb Hunter to amend Ordinance 2011-14, part-time dispatcher \$14 an hour.

Darrell Withdrew his motion.

Discussion continued. A Council member stated that you are going to have the department heads making almost as much as the Mayor's salary. Mayor stated the police chief is not making the top of the range.

Council President feels this should stay as was stated at the last budget meeting on the raise for the employees, exempt and Mayor.

A Council member would like to give the exempt \$50 more.

Motion by Helen Gardner and seconded by Bill Wenning to give exempt department heads a \$500 raise, making the salary top range for 2012 \$500 over the 2011 top range.

Ayes Darrell Poling, Herb Hunter, Bill Wenning and Helen Gardner. Nay Jamie Cain. So passed.

Motion by Jamie Cain and seconded by Herb Hunter to amend salary Ordinance 2011-13, Ordinance 2011-14 and Ordinance 2011-15 to state raises as: \$200 employees, \$500 exempt, \$14 an hour part-time dispatcher and

\$1000 Mayor split with Utilities and making the 2012 salary top range \$500 above the 2011 salary top range. Ayes Bill Wenning, Herb Hunter, Darrell Poling, Jamie Cain and Helen Gardner. Nays none. So passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Presiding Officer: _____

Council Member

ATTEST: _____
Clerk-Treasurer

