

Special City Council Meeting
August 28, 2017

The City Council met in special session at 7:00 PM at Oakes Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Zimmer and Council: Engel, Conklin, Forward, Harris, Ford, and O'Brien. Visitors present: Dickey County Sheriff Chris Estes. Employees present: Gary Neuharth and April Haring.

Police Department

Discussion was held regarding circumstances surrounding an incident resulting in the termination of Officer Sasse. With one officer in the department, it was discussed to contact the Dickey County Sheriff's office to determine a short-term contract to help with coverage in the City.

Concerns were brought up regarding the leadership and authority in the police department. O'Brien moved, Ford second to restructure police department and advertise for a Chief of Police. Roll call: Forward-yes, O'Brien-yes, Engel-no, Ford-yes, Conklin-no, Harris-yes, carried. Chief Heim will remain as interim Chief until the position is filled and then continue employment as Patrol Officer. City Auditor was directed to advertise for the position. An interview panel will be established to include individuals with law enforcement knowledge in addition to the Police Committee.

Harris moved, O'Brien second to negotiate a short-term contract with Dickey County Sheriff's office until Oakes Police Department can be reorganized, possibly 6 months, carried. Sheriff Estes explained potential scheduling, hours, and rates. Plans should be finalized this week and go into effect as soon as possible.

O'Brien moved, Forward second to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 PM.

MAYOR Marty Zimmer ATTEST April Haring
(minutes subject to correction and approval at the next regular meeting)