

**SPECIAL BURLEY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
JOINT MEETING  
BURLEY CITY COUNCIL AND CASSIA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
CASSIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE  
1459 Overland Avenue  
Commission Chambers Room 206  
Burley, Idaho  
March 19, 2018**

**COMMENCE MEETING**

Council met in special session at 10:30 a.m. Mayor Ormond was present. Council members present were Randy Hawkins, John Craner, Casey Andersen, and Bryce Morgan.

City Staff present were as follows: City Clerk Ellen Maier, Attorney Dave Shirley, Deputy George Warrell and Sheriff Jay Heward were also in attendance.

County Staff present were as follows: Joe Larsen County Clerk, Commissioners Paul Christensen, Bob Kunau and Tim Darrington, County Attorney Douglas Abenroth, Sheriff Jay Heward and Deputy George Warrell.

**NEGOTIATION WITH CASSIA COUNTY FOR THE LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT**

Sheriff Jay Heward and Deputy George Warrell proposed a 4.5% increase to the law enforcement contract. This would bring the total to \$1,672,002.89 minus \$25,000.00 the Cassia School District would pay for a part time officer at the schools. It was stated that the D.A.R.E. program would end this year and they would like to add a position that would be shared 20 hours at the schools while school was in and 20 hours for the City while school was in and then all day during the summer. The increase would be for a 5% increase in wages for city assigned staff, and 2% for operations. They talked about how hard it is to recruit and retain employees because surrounding areas are paying a higher wage and also they can make more at the new businesses that are coming into town with less threat of danger. They said the city is growing bringing more people into the area which brings the need for more officers.

It was stated that the contract required them to get 5 new vehicles and they were able to purchase 6 and that tracking the expenses between county and city helped them to see what each department is costing them. Commissioner Christensen said he appreciated the relationship they have with the City.

Council member Hawkins asked if they could get a per officer cost. It was decided that Sheriff Heward and Deputy Warrell get exact figures of what the proposed increases are. They will then have a work session with Commissioner Christensen, County Attorney and City Attorney and a Council member from the City to be decided. They then set a tentative joint meeting for April 23, 2018 at 10:30 A.M. in the commissioner's chambers.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

City of Burley

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Mayor Ormond

ATTEST:

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City Clerk