

City of Kamiah
City Council
Workshop Meeting Minutes
February 14th, 2024 at 4:00 PM

Mayor: Betty Heater

Council Members: Genese Simler, David Redden, Scott Moffett

Guests: See Attached Sign In Sheet

Mayor Heater called the workshop meeting to order at 4:00 PM

Discussion Items:

Discuss Lewis County Sheriff & Dispatch Contract for 2024

Sheriff Jason Davis presented two contract possibilities:

1. \$300,882.63(\$25,073.55 per month) – This includes everyone, dispatch, and the Sheriff.
 - a. Lewis County has an established Capital Vehicle Fund so that when the time comes to replace a law enforcement vehicle the money is available.
 - b. The City of Kamiah reduced its budget from \$3,700,000 to \$2,400,000.
 - c. Lewis County covers comp time for the Sheriff's Department.
 - d. The Sheriff's budget is based on the lowest paid Deputy.
 - e. Craigmont, Winchester, Nez Perce, and Kamiah are all provided service by the Lewis County Sheriff's Department.
2. Council President Genese Simler commented the city may need to have one less officer to reach a sustainable budget. The city needs to reduce its contract with Lewis County to \$200,000 - \$205,000. The reduced contract may look like this:
 - a. Two officers, this would result in 1/3 less hours.
 - b. The city would still contribute to the Capital Fund. The County would get fatigued attempting to maintain the Capital Fund.
 - c. The rough estimate for this staffing scenario is \$220,000, a monthly obligation of \$18,333.00.
 - d. The Sheriff's Department is going to propose a \$200,000 contract to the County Commissioners. This will provide 2 officers for Kamiah and that would reduce hours by 33.3% or 1/3.

Discuss New Budget for 2023-2024 – The Revised Budget was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:34 PM

Betty Heater, Mayor