

## City of Blair – Special Council Meeting minutes 1/24/2022

Mayor J. Rawson called the Special Council Meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting was posted in 3 public places, with more than 24 hours' notice. Roll Call: Mayor J. Rawson, P. Syverson (absent), T. Wheeler, M. Lisowski, J. Anderson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson. Others attending: Attorney M. Radcliffe, Clerk S. Frederixon.

Discuss/Take Action: Employee's Family Medical Leave Request: Officer Kim Potts has requested a Family Medical Leave from her position as a Police Officer with City. City Clerk Frederixon explained all her paperwork is in order and is recommending approval. The Family Medical Leave Act has been approved previously for other City employees, it allows for up to 12 weeks of 'unpaid' time off of work for qualifying issues, while protecting the employees' position and health insurance benefit. **Motion by J. Anderson to approve the FML, retroactive to 11/10/2021, 2<sup>nd</sup> by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson/yes, C. Ekern/yes, J. Anderson/yes, M. Lisowski/yes, T. Wheeler/yes. Motion approved.**

Discuss/Take Action: Hiring of interim Police Chief/Attorney Radcliffe: explained the City is in need of an 'interim' Police Chief at this time. There is a statutory requirement that we cannot have Officers work without a Chief in place. Radcliffe recommended Council discuss/possibly take action tonight on this topic. Mayor has talked with Randy Jensen who is willing to serve as interim Police Chief, he did fill that role previously, and Council members felt he had done a good job previously. Mayor Rawson said Jensen would be ok with a rate of \$23.63, same as current Officers are making, last time he was paid \$22.00 for interim Chief hours. **Motion by D. Stephenson, to hire Randy Jensen for City of Blair 'interim' Police Chief' duties @ \$23.63 per hour, 2<sup>nd</sup> by M. Lisowski. Discussion: Any idea on length of time we will need an interim Chief? No. Roll Call Vote: M. Lisowski/yes, J. Anderson/yes, D. Stephenson/yes, C. Ekern/yes and T. Wheeler/yes. Motion approved.**

**Motion to adjourn by C. Ekern, 2<sup>nd</sup> M. Lisowski. Yes-5, No-0.**

**6:42 p.m. adjournment.**

Susan Frederixon, City of Blair Clerk