

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Workshop of the Crosby City Council was held on Monday, August 22, 2022, at 5:00 PM at City Hall.

**Members Present:** Mayor Cash, Members Ryan, Heglund, Traylor and Jarvela

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Matthew Hill, Administrator Clerk Treasurer; Samantha Wodarz, Administrative Assistant; Andrew Rooney, Chief of Police; Lieutenant Van Horn

Call Special Meeting to Order

Mayor Cash called the workshop of the Crosby City Council to order at 5:00 PM

1. Feasibility of adding a 9th police officer to the Crosby Police Department.

The council had an in-depth discussion on the purpose of having a 9<sup>th</sup> officer and how to budget for this officer if they decided to go that route. Members Ryan and Heglund believe with the increase of downtown traffic, that there is a need for an additional officer.

Ryan asked about the possibility of rotation of a vehicle. Chief Rooney stated that there are already 2 vehicles to be replaced and they can keep one of the two in active use.

Heglund believes that we need 1 full time officer vs 2 part time officer.

Ryan would like to see that a certain percentage of fines and citation of violation ordinance to go towards the wages of an additional Full-time officer.

Rooney stated we have paid \$15,404.00 paid in overtime year to date and in 2021 they paid a total of \$9855.00.

There was some discussion on the idea of merging police departments with Deerwood, Cuyuna, and Crosby. The discussion did not go well the last time it was talked about, and this could take months if not years; could be discussed down the line.

Traylor stated that it is costly to hire another full-time officer without having complaints nor request from the public.

Ryan would rather see another full-time officer than talk about merging departments into a district. Heglund agrees with Ryan and would like to see an officer hire now. Traylor believes it is too costly for a full-time officer without no complaints or needs from the citizens. He doesn't believe we need an additional officer, because of increased downtown traffic. It would be different if a department head came and said they had justification and would like another police officer.

Cash agrees with Traylor it is concerning that the police department did not ask for the addition officer.

Jarvela stated it is hard to find part time officers, agreed to replace the parttime officers with a full-time officer.

Traylor wants to see a formal request from the department head before they should take it seriously.

Administrator Hill and Chief Rooney will be preparing a formal request and numbers for the next meeting, which will be September 12<sup>th</sup>. There will also be some discussion on numbers at the budget meeting.

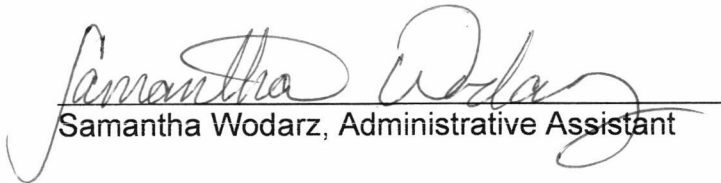
## 2. Adjournment

**MOTION BY MEMBER RYAN AND SECONDED BY MEMBER JARVELA TO ADJOURN AT 5:45.**

**A VOICE VOTE: THOSE VOTING AYE: MAYOR CASH, MEMBERS RYAN, HEGLUND, TRAYLOR AND JARVELA. THOSE VOTING NAY: NONE. MOTION CARRIED.**



Diane Cash, Mayor



Samantha Wodarz, Administrative Assistant