

CITY OF WAGONER
SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING
WAGONER CITY HALL
231 CHURCH STREET
JANUARY 24, 2022
07:00 P.M.

ALBERT JONES, MAYOR
DWAYNE ELAM, SUPERINTENDENT
KEN HICKS, ATTORNEY
KELLY GROOMS, FIRE CHIEF

RHONDA K. HASH, CITY CLERK
DONNA S. JONES, TREASURER
BOB HALEY, CHIEF OF POLICE
JIM ROBERTS, EMS DIRECTOR

Jimmy Butler
Anthony Wagoner
Joshua Bogle
Roger Schilling

Patrick Sampson
Gayla Wright
Larry Abernathy
Steven L. Rhoden

Meeting tape recorded by Rhonda K. Hash, City Clerk
Agenda Posted: January 20, 2022 @ 4:30 P.M.

The Special Called Business Meeting of the City of Wagoner was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Jones. All Council members were present with the exception of Councilor Schilling

1. Discussion and possible action – To enter into an employment contract with Rick Bronson as Public Safety Consultant, authorizing Mr. Bronson to conduct an investigation regarding the operation and management of the Wagoner Emergency Medical Service

Mayor Jones stated that according to the Governing Body Handbook three council members could request an item be put on agenda. He advised that he had four council members contact him and asked for this item to be put on an agenda.

Councilor Bogle advised that he requested this item be on an agenda after reviewing the Love Law Firm report and hearing allegations of violations and negligence in this department. There are several run sheets missing which could possibly result in billable revenue and he finds these things to be alarming. Mr. Bronson was an inspector for the State of Oklahoma and he would like to bring him to either validate or discredit the allegations.

Councilor Sampson stated that is why we hired Love Law Firm was to investigate the department.

Mayor Jones advised that he had gone to the EMS department and requested records. The records were put in a storage container which was then locked in the evidence room at the Police Department.

Councilor Wright questioned the need to spend more money when we have a doctor that acts as Medical Director for the service.

Councilor Rhoden advised that since the Love Law Firm investigation that nothing had happened and we need to proceed with the investigation to protect the City of Wagoner as well as the EMS employees.

Dr. Casey Hanna, Medical Director, was present at the meeting and stated that when questioned about the narcotics log he felt like it might need to be investigated.

The Love Law Firm did an investigation and interviewed some of the employees but not all employees cooperated with the investigation and some of them would not consent to be interviewed.

Councilor Sampson and Councilor Wright inquired as to who chose Mr. Bronson to do the investigation and why they were not offered other options on who to hire. They questioned whether Mr. Bronson being friends with an EMS employee would be considered a conflict of interest.

Discussion was held as to this employment agreement.

Motion by Councilor Bogle, second by Councilor Abernathy to enter into an employment agreement with Rick Bronson as Public Safety Consultant, authorizing Mr. Bronson to conduct an investigation regarding the operations and management of the Wagoner Emergency Medical Service. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, yes; Bogle, yes; Schilling, absent; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, no; Sampson, no.

MOTION CARRIED


2. Adjournment


Motion by Councilor Bogle, second by Councilor Rhoden to adjourn the City of Wagoner Special Called Business Meeting. VOTE: Butler, yes; Wagoner, yes; Bogle, yes; Schilling, absent; Rhoden, yes; Abernathy, yes; Wright, yes; Sampson, yes.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED

Attest: Seal


Rhonda K. Hash, City Clerk


Albert Jones, Mayor