

A special meeting of the Farr West City Council was held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Hall. Council Members present were Tom Burkland, Tim Shupe, Ava Painter and Paul Dinsdale. Mayor Jimmie Papageorge and Lee Dickemore were excused. Andrea Zweifel, John Cardon, Sheriff Terry Thompson and Merlin Ward were also present.

Tim Shupe called the meeting to order. Tim Shupe led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#1 - Discussion/Action - Weber County Sheriff's Office Contract

Tom Burkland stated the City received a letter on the 25th from Commissioner Dearden wanting the City to sign a contract. He stated he was under the impression that the City was going to get a price before we were to sign a contract. Sheriff Thompson stated that they went over that in their last meeting and it was the cost of \$433,399.00. Tom asked if there would be any additional reductions in that amount before a final price. He stated Klint Anderson indicated another potential \$30,000 to come off that price. Sheriff Thompson stated he doesn't know exactly what the dollar amount will be based on the fluctuating numbers. Sheriff Thompson said it would be too hard to give the Council a solid number right now. Tom asked when they could expect a solid number. Sheriff Thompson stated the price will not change a lot from the \$433,300.00. He stated it may go up or down a little bit. Tom asked how the City would have any idea how to adjust the tax rate without knowing what the actual contract price will be. Sheriff Thompson stated that while they aren't inherently solid numbers, the City can certainly look at \$433,399.00 and be comfortable that that is where the price is going to be. He also stated that if that number changes, it is probably going to be less. Tim verified that the Sheriff is just looking for a letter of intent from the City at this time and not a signed contract. Sheriff Thompson stated that if the City is comfortable with where the Sheriff's Office is going and with the contract price, they would like to have a letter of intent to give to the Commission. Tim asked when the Sheriff expects to have that final figure and when the City will be required to sign a contract. Sheriff Thompson stated it would be in the spring. Tom asked what happens when West Haven doesn't pay their bill or sign their contract. He asked if Farr West would have to compensate for the difference. Sheriff Thompson stated that realistically they may have to cut positions, but stated that Farr West's contract price will not be effected by it. Tom asked if the Sheriff's Office would get rid of or re-adjust the West Precinct. Sheriff Thompson stated they may or may not have to. He stated it may change the face or structure of how the precincts are set up and they may have command and supervision positions that will be eliminated. Tim asked if the Sheriff's Office cuts positions will they cut vehicles as well. Sheriff Thompson stated yes. Paul suggested the Sheriff's Office use "hot seat" vehicles rather than one vehicle per deputy. Paul asked how many deputies live outside of county and how much fuel the City is subsidizing. Sheriff Thompson stated the deputies who live outside the county pay to take those vehicles home. Sheriff Thompson stated that sharing vehicles cause them to wear out quicker. He stated they have a very effective fleet program that is cost effective. Sheriff Thompson stated in most cases they either make money or break even with their vehicles. Paul asked if the deputies didn't drive their vehicles home, how many fewer vehicles would they need. Sheriff Thompson stated probably about a third less. Paul stated that it looks like there are some real good opportunities to save money here. Paul stated he would like a long term agreement with a reasonable cost analysis attached. Sheriff Thompson stated that it is fairly impossible to do so with all the fluctuating costs associated with their services. He stated they have currently reduced their fleet by 10

vehicles and they continue to look at where they can cut costs. Paul stated the City would like to be able to budget four years out. Sheriff Thompson stated they have just cut 6 positions on top of the 29 they have already cut and promise they are looking at all those things. He stated he doesn't know how the City can expect the Sheriff's Office to guarantee something 4 years out when they don't know the fluid numbers are going to affect them. Sheriff Thompson stated he would be glad to meet with the Council another day and go over the financial items, as he did not have his financial staff with him. Sheriff Thompson stated there are a lot of behind the scenes costs that the cities don't see. He cited the shootout in Ogden City and stated that CSI is way over budget due to that, but that the Sheriff's Office doesn't come back to the City after an incident like that and say they owe more money. He also stated the Sheriff's Office is going to be required to replace every radio they have in their office to go to full digital radios at a cost of \$2-3 million. Ava asked if they have looked at external funds for the changeover. Sheriff Thompson stated there are some federal grants they are trying to obtain but there are no guarantees. Ava suggested looking into gift monies and donations to help absorb those costs. Tim confirmed that all they want right now is the letter of intent. Sheriff Thompson stated yes and told the Council that he has given them a number and the contract will not be any more than that. Tom asked if West Haven does not sign the contract, does the amount of deputies remain at a comparable level for Farr West. Sheriff Thompson stated the deputies assigned to Farr West's precinct are going to stay there and confirmed that Farr West will not be losing any deputies to a city that is not paying.

PAUL DINSDALE MOTIONED TO SIGN A LETTER OF INTENT. TOM BURKLAND SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

#2 - Adjournment

AT 6:55 P.M., TOM MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. AVA SECONDED THE MOTION, ALL VOTING AYE.

Andrea Zweifel, Clerk

Jimmie Papageorge, Mayor

Date Approved: _____