

**WORTHINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 21, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. in City Hall Council Chambers by Mayor Alan E. Oberloh with the following Council Members present: Diane Graber, Rod Sankey, Ron Wood, Scott Nelson, Mike Kuhle (7:05 a.m.).

Staff present: Craig Clark, City Administrator; Janice Oberloh, City Clerk; Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director; Chris Dybevic, Police Captain; Kevin Flynn, Tim Gaul, and Brett Wiltrout - Public Safety Department.

Others present: None.

DISCUSSION ON REPLACEMENT OF SERGEANT POSITION

Mike Cumiskey, Public Safety Director, presented information to Council on the need to replace a Sergeant who has stepped back down to Police Officer. Sergeants make the initial decision on the scene, and while the officers could make the call, there are many young inexperienced officers on the afternoon shift. Chief Cumiskey noted he and Captain Dybevic pick up a portion of the time that a sergeant is not available, but even with the replacement they would still be short about 800 hours annually for 24/7 face to face supervision of the officers. Replacement of the Sergeant would not require a budget amendment as the position was already included. Council agreed the supervisory coverage was needed. Chief Cumiskey said there were several officers on staff that would be qualified for the sergeant's position. Information from various communities showed an additional layer of supervision as "Corporals." Council Member Wood suggested that perhaps the department would bring a staffing plan to Council in the future similar to the other communities.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion was made by Council Member Nelson, seconded by Council Member Wood and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 a.m.

Janice Oberloh, MCMC
City Clerk