

Work Session Minutes

April 14, 2025

@ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax
Brent White
Denise Lovett
Jason White
Cassandra Lee

Absent: Joyce Jeffreys

Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance is having an increase, and it is approximately 8% - Accountant Emily Edwards was present to answer any questions that the Council had on this increase. This information was given with the increases for the Council to see if the City continues to pay the employee only portion and 75% of any additional health coverage an employee has. Ms. Edwards stated that insurance is still one of the better policies giving an example of the cost out of pocket for her when she had her child, it was very minimum in the hundred dollar range. The other insurance offered by the City Dental, which is elective insurance, is paid fully by the employee and it has a small increase while the vision insurance didn't have an increase.

Mayor Weatherwax called on Jennifer Taylor – a resident who has concerns about the drug activity in her community. There had been a recent overdose in the area and Ms. Taylor was very upset that young people are being lost to the drugs she stated she had lost family members due to this and she expressed her appreciation to the officers including Chief Knight with all that has been done by them but she wants to know what else can be done – what could she do to help the situations that are happening. She stated that some of the activity comes from some of her neighbors, on her street...she is concerned about the little children that are in her care.... Councilwomen Lee ask Ms. Taylor about these problems as she stated she was not aware of this type of activity going on in her District and that she had met with Chief Knight on occasions when she had concerns before and that it was handled well.

Mayor Weatherwax ask that Chief Knight speak on this concern in the community. Chief Knight expressed that there are still matters pending on the investigation on the recent death that was spoken about and that phone records along with other things are being investigated. He also stated that the community is what can be of the most help if they see something or know something then the police need to be made aware that they can't stop what they don't know. He also stated that his

department has called on other departments such as the FBI to help in several cases that people are not aware of and probably will not know that they are involved because if it turns into something Federal then the City just assist and it is the other department's case at that point. Ms. Lee ask was their outside people or sources that have come into the community that has brought this problem. Chief Knight stated that there is some infiltration from outside of Moulton and Lawrence County that all activity is not by residents in this community or other communities in Moulton. Ms. Lee appreciated knowing that this is a problem that is not only related to her district and that the residents in the district are not the problem that outside sources also come here and cause issues and that the Chief is aware and with other departments are looking at all the avenues of the issues and trying to put a stop to it.

Ms. Lee ask to speak about the other cemeteries in the City that is being maintained and that at the current time there are no contracts for these, and she will be making a motion at the next Council Meeting for this to be addressed and contracts be done as the Moulton Memorial Gardens contract was done and to be reviewed yearly.

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

Brent White, Council Member

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