

Meeting Minutes of Cole Camp Executive Session 7/23/26

Call to Order

Roll Call:

Mayor Nicole Garrett: present

Alderman Jeremiah Crider: present

Alderman David Locke: present

Alderman Steve Knox: present

Alderman David Massingill: present

Quorum established.

Begins with a discussion by City Attorney of the rules of the Sunshine law, including that meeting minutes must be published within 72 hours if a vote is taken in Executive Session.

The discussion then turned to the Chief of Police who provided the Aldermen with the financial information relevant to the discussion. There was then a large discussion regarding the use of overtime under previous administrations and while the City had an interim Police Chief.

Alderman Locke shared his opinion that the City hates to lose an officer but that we must save money for the budget, and thus must remove the man with the highest salary to have the largest positive effect on the budget. The highest paid employee of the Police Department was identified by the total cost of the employee, that is, not just the salary but also the overtime and benefits the City pays on employee's behalf.

Motion by Alderman Locke to terminate the highest cost person on the police department. Motion seconded by Alderman Knox.

Crider: no

Locke: yes

Knox: yes

Massingill: yes

Motion carries with 3 yeses and 1 no.

The Executive Session was adjourned at 6:20pm.