

**NORTHWEST CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 13, 2021
7:00 PM**

ASSEMBLY

The Northwest City Council held a special meeting on Tuesday July 13, 2021, at 7:00 PM, at the Town Hall.

Present were: James Knox, Mayor; Councilmen: Aaron Perkins, Michael Troy, and Haywood Miller; Councilwoman Sheila Grady

Absent was: Councilman Charles Carroll

Also present was: Donna Strickland, City Clerk and Police Chief Taylor

CALL TO ORDER & INVOCATION

Mayor Knox called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Councilman Michael Troy gave the invocation.

DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION

- Police Department

Mayor Knox stated that he was upset to have been the last to know about the discussions with Brunswick County concerning the Sheriff Department providing Police services for the City of Northwest.

Police Chief Taylor passed out a proposed schedule in which the City will have 24 hours around the clock policing. He also stated that this schedule is with three (3) full time Officers and one (1) part time Officer.

Councilman Haywood Miller stated the following:

- Two Officers work the same shifts – why?
- July 4, 2021
 - No Police coverage in the City of Northwest
 - Incident where there was two Town of Leland Police Officers and three or four Brunswick County Deputies responding to a call in Northwest and there was no one from the City's own Police Department.
- We are paying good money to our Police Officers and the City should have coverage.

Chief Taylor stated the following:

- There is almost no time when there are two Officers on duty at the same time.
- Brunswick County Sherriff Department takes calls for the City when there is not anyone on duty.

Mayor Knox asked what services the City will be providing to our Citizens if we turn

over the policing of Northwest to Brunswick County Sheriff's Department?

Councilwoman Sheila Grady **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to go into closed session at 8:06 PM to discuss a personnel matter within the Police Department. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilman Haywood Miller **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to come back into session at 8:25 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilwoman Sheila Grady **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Michael Troy to begin the hiring process for a 4th Officer in the Police Department. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Councilwoman Sheila Grady also stated that state standard criteria will be followed when hiring the new officer as part of the new hiring process, all personal references will be called as well as previous employers and interviews will be conducted prior to being hired.

City Clerk, Donna Strickland, stated that Councilman Charles Carroll would like to have a special meeting on July 21, 2021, at 10:30 AM to 12:00 AM.


Councilman Aaron Perkins **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady for the Northwest Mayor and Council members to attend a special meeting scheduled with Brunswick County on July 21, 2021, at 10:30 AM to 12:00 AM, at Brunswick County Manager's Office to discuss the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department providing police services for the City of Northwest.

Councilwoman Sheila Grady rescinded her second. The motioned failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Aaron Perkins **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilwoman Sheila Grady to have the City Clerk contact the County Manager's office to schedule a date and time after 3:30 PM to meet with Northwest Mayor and Council to discuss the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department providing police services for the City of Northwest. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilman Michael Troy **MOVED, SECONDED** by Councilman Haywood Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 PM. The **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**



James A. Knox, Mayor



Donna Strickland, City Clerk