

CITY OF POCA TELLO, IDAHO  
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
POLICE UNION QUARTERLY UPDATE  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

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AGENDA ITEM NO. 1: The Special City Council meeting was called to order at 5:01  
ROLL CALL p.m. by Mayor Brian Blad. Council members present were  
Heidi Adamson, Roger Bray, Rick Cheatum, Jim Johnston,  
Linda Leeuwrik and Beena Mannan. Also in attendance were Jared Johnson, City Attorney; Ruth  
Whitworth, City Clerk; Val Wadsworth, Mary Rasmussen and Akilah Lacey, Police Union  
Representatives; Scott Marchand, Police Chief; Roger Schei, Police Major; and Heather Buchanan,  
Human Resources Director.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 2: Mayor Blad announced that the meeting was called to receive  
QUARTERLY a quarterly update of activities from Pocatello Police Union  
ACTIVITIES UPDATE representatives.  
-POLICE UNION

Mr. Wadsworth gave a brief overview of the Union's activities including outreach in the community. He mentioned officers recently provided assistance to a family that suddenly found themselves homeless. Mr. Wadsworth noted that officers are quick to help individuals that have an immediate need. He explained this is part of the day-to-day commitment officers have toward the community.

Mr. Lacey shared retaining veteran officers has been a challenge for the department. Recruiting has also become difficult because there is a decrease in the number of individuals applying for the positions and/or they are not qualified to serve.

Mr. Wadsworth noted that additional mental health benefits are available to help officers cope with the stressful circumstances encountered in their jobs. He mentioned Human Resources staff worked with Union members to put this beneficial program in place.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 3: Council members thanked Police Union representatives for  
ACTIVITIES UPDATE their comments and update of activities.  
-MAYOR AND COUNCIL

In response to a question from Council, Union representatives shared that continued support to fill vacant Police positions is one of the best ways for Council to encourage Police Department staff.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 4: Mayor Blad adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.  
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APPROVED BY:

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BRIAN C. BLAD, MAYOR

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RUTH WHITWORTH, CMC, CITY CLERK