

COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL SESSION
July 30, 2018 6:00 PM

ATTENDANCE

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Darrel Thomas, President
Keith Berry, Vice President
Gene Beck
Jill Bridgewater
David Fuhrman
Phillip Gick
Larry Parker

ATTORNEY:

Trudy Selvia

AUDITOR'S OFFICE:

Lorie Hallett, Auditor

AUDIENCE:

43 individuals

The Putnam County Council met in special session on July 30, 2018 at 6:00 PM at the Putnam County Courthouse. Darrel Thomas opened the meeting and the pledge to the flag was given.

SHERIFF SALARIES

Phil Parker presented the Council with an analysis of the salaries in the Putnam County Sheriff's Department compared to other departments in surrounding areas.

Phil said that like other county offices that the Sheriff's Department had only seen an increase of 7% in salaries and the cost of living in that same period was 13.5%.

They currently staff 19 full-time Merit Deputies and 1 full-time Chief Deputy.

The salary is becoming an issue with training people and getting them uniformed and all the necessary equipment with the outcome only to be they leave to go to another agency for a larger salary.

Phil Parker provided statistics to each council member and played a video of the risks that each deputy takes everyday when they are on duty.

The Council understood that there is a problem and thanked the department for the information.

The Council also discussed re-allocating the LIT funds to fund some of the expenses at the jail. This discussion will be on the agenda for the August 2018 Council meeting

ADJOURN

Phil Gick made a motion to adjourn. Dave Fuhrman seconded. The motion carried.

Darrel Thomas, President

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Keith Berry, Vice President

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Attest: Auditor