## Council Meeting December 2, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

Present: Mayor Roger Weatherwax

Brent White Denise Lovett Jason White Cassandra Lee Joyce Jeffreys

Meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance and prayer.

The Council was ask to dispense of the reading of the minutes for the Council Meeting held on November 4, 2024.

Motion: Jason White 2<sup>nd</sup>: Joyce Jeffreys

Councilwoman Ms. Cassandra Lee had ask that the Council to put into place the Proclamation on Human Trafficking – declaring January 2025 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month" and to encourage all residents to join us in raising the visibility of this crime and to become more informed about ways to prevent, recognize and respond to potential victims of human trafficking in our community. Together, we can become more informed and take steps to create a community that is Trafficking Free. (attached is the Proclamation in its entirety which was read by Ms. Lee)

Ms. Joyce Jeffreys spoke and said that we would probably be surprised at the number in our own community here that are being abused and we aren't aware of, especially children. Chief Knight stated that they had seen some cases in the past like this and worked some with the sheriff's department, state agencies and federal agencies, we know there is more going on that the departments are not aware of. Chief Knight stated that they take this very seriously and that he supports this proclamation 100%. In small communities Ms. Lee said we sometimes think it will not happen to us but we never know when it might come to our door.

Mayor Weatherwax ask for a motion to approve the Proclamation declaring January 2025 as "Human Trafficking Awareness Month"

Motion: Cassandra Lee

2<sup>nd</sup>: Denise Lovett

Mayor Weatherwax ask for motion to adjourn:

Motion: Denise Lovett

2<sup>nd</sup>: Jason White

Roger Weatherwax, Mayor	Deroma Pepper, City Clerk
Brent White, Council Member	Cassandra Lee, Council Member
Joyce Jeffreys, Council Member	Jason White, Council Member
Denise Lovett Council Member	