

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY SHEET

City of Rollingwood

Meeting Date: May 13, 2026

Submitted By:

Staff

Agenda Item:

Discussion and possible action to approve amending the compensation provided to members of the reserve police force

Description:

During its December 18, 2019 meeting, Council unanimously approved compensating members of the reserve police force, through the following motion:

“Wendi Hundley motioned to implement a paid police reserve program at \$26 per hour and with the contingency that reserve officers would be required to work less than 20 hours per week. Sara Hutson seconded the motion.”

The direction provided by Council has since been followed by staff, but is currently in conflict with Subsection (f) of Section 14-23 of the Code of Ordinances, which reads (highlighting added):

“(f) Compensation of members; benefits. Members of the reserve police force shall serve without compensation. Members of the reserve police force may be provided hospital and medical assistance for injuries sustained in the course of performing official duties in the same manner provided for full-time police officers.”

This ordinance, as presented, will correct the Code of Ordinances and make three changes to Section 14-23 of the Code of Ordinances:

1. Correct a reference in Subsection (b) to the “state commission on law enforcement officer standards and education” to the “state commission on law enforcement”, reflecting a change in the name of the state entity.
2. Amend Subsection (d) to both:
 - a. Reassign the approval authority for use of the reserve police force from Council to the Mayor or the City Administrator. This is intended to provide a more responsive and timely deployment of reserve police officers in urgent cases when posting even an emergency meeting agenda might be detrimental to a public safety issue.
 - b. Limit members of the reserve police force to a maximum of twenty (20) hours of work per week.

3. Amend Subsection (f) to authorize the mayor to set the rate of pay for reserve officers, provided that the rate of pay not exceed the base rate of pay that has been set by the Council for a regular patrol officer.

The proposed ordinance has been reviewed and approved as to form by the City's legal counsel.

Action Requested:

Review, discuss, and possibly approve the ordinance.

Fiscal Impacts:

Because this ordinance potentially increases the rate of pay for members of the reserve police force, there could be a modest fiscal impact to the city. In Fiscal Year 2025-2026, the City of Rollingwood expended a total of \$1,583.70 on reserve police officers. For Fiscal Year 2026-2027, even the maximum allowable payrate increase under this proposed ordinance is easily absorbed by the two line items for such expenditures (the salary line item for the police department and the office security line item for the court security fund).

Attachments:

- Proposed Ordinance