

After researching all the options that have been presented, much discussion between the task force members of the pros and cons of each option/combination of possible choices, weighing the financial and logistical feasibilities of these options, and receiving the comments and concerns of numerous citizens; the Police Task Force has agreed our most desirable choice available for the City of Palouse at this time is to keep and maintain our current single-officer Police Department. It is our recommendation to the council is that Officer Joel Anderson be promoted to the position of Chief of Police.

Furthermore, it is the consensus of the Police Task Force that additional oversight of the Police Department would allow the city to be better stewards of our resources. It is the wish of the Task Force that the Mayor and City Administrator continue researching a possible solution for a non-administrative, oversight entity to assist the Palouse Police Department and City of Palouse in ensuring its compliance with the everchanging landscape of law enforcement in Washington State. The intention of this entity would be;

- Perform periodic audits of the department's processes.
- Assist the department in up-to-date certification, training, and reporting standards.
- Communicate findings to the Police Chief and Mayor.
- Provide solutions for possible lapses in compliance.
- Be a liaison between the Police Department and City Hall.

If and when such a solution has been found, it should be presented to the city council for review and direction to take action.