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BOSWELL — Boswell councilors announced the unexpected death of one of their members, Dwight Harrison Tuesday. He was reportedly vacationing in Louisiana when he died. His death and the removal of councilor Robert Moore leaves the public body with only three members.

A number of Boswell citizens voiced their disapproval of a special meeting recently held by the town's governing body, which was not publicly announced. The agenda was not provided to the media which is routinely done.

Councilors met toward the end of March in a special meeting and conducted several items of business, including the hiring of a police officer and obtaining bids for a city vehicle. Officer Ricky Archer was hired and began working on March 27. It was decided during the special meeting that the city would have three full time police officers, including Chief Byron Gordon and officer Tommy Mlady, who is presently in CLEET training. Also approved were four reserve officers.

Councilor Steve VanSickle provided documents from the Oklahoma Municipal League, after the meeting was adjourned, which stated, "...each person elected or appointed for the first time as an officer of a municipality on or after July 1, 2006 shall be required within one year of taking office to attend an institute for municipal officials."

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