

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 15, 2012

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and Wanda Grantham Smith

Staff Present: Chief Ransom, Amy Boyd

Absent: D. Springer

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:54 AM and approval of agenda.

Motion made by L. Robertson, no Second made. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of January, 2012 Police Committee minutes as written.

Motion made by L. Robertson, no Second made, to approve the January minutes 2012.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: Karene Motivans

4. Financial Report:

- a. Stats

The Chief stated that the stats look good, especially the number of tickets written have increased dramatically. This is due to the two new parking enforcement officers doing a great job.

5. New Business:

- a. Report regarding JSB bank robbery.

The Chief stated that there was a 3-minute delay due to the wrong branch given. He commended his officers for doing all of the work that led to the suspect's arrest. Face Book and the media were used immediately following the robbery and the tips started coming in. The officers followed up on every tip and got a positive ID Monday night on a career criminal. All of the credit goes to our guys for doing interviews and calls. The Mayor will write a letter to the editor praising our police department.

- b. Traffic at Duke & High Streets

K. Motivan's spoke to this and stated that since 2009 she has been keeping track of crash/incidences at this intersection. There has been an increase in accidents at this site per the last Chief of Police.

Chief – he has not seen an increase.

K. Motivan – felt many accidents aren't reported. She presented pictures of downed signs. She stated that the telephone pole has been knocked down twice and the fire hydrant has been knocked down several times. She presented a solution- Standards and Guidelines, manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. It spelled out the parameters for stop/yield

signs. 5 or more crashes in a 3 year period and/or 3 or more crashes in a 2 year period for either a stop sign or a multi-way stop sign.

Mayor – have these parameters been sent to Ken Klone?

K. Motivan - yes, but she didn't give all of the info to him.

Mayor – the parameters should definitely be given to Ken.

K. Motivan – gave the data sheet to him

L. Robertson – the data should be given to the DOH since they control the highway.

K. Motivan – standards state that the incidences must be right angle crashes and most are. They are failure to yield.

Chief – people have to report crashes; failure to do so is a crime.

K. Motivan – these crashes meet the standards. The state = studies done dictate that the pedestrian traffic alone merits a stop sign, as soon as the town says to do it.

Mayor – when we met with those in authority, they didn't say that at all. Met with Tim Kurk (304-539-3629) with the DOH.

K. Motivan – this committee should go to the Town Council and get the Town Council to concur.

Chief – has concerns that it will cause a bottle neck/congestion if there is a stop sign so close to the stop sign at the 4-way.

Mayor – if it meets the standard, then the DOH should do it. It's up to them however. We can give them the data.

K. Motivan – remember, that pedestrians will be crossing there during the construction of the underpass.

Chief – the university will be posting two crossing guards.

K. Motivan – It's the Police Committee's responsibility to recommend this to the Town Council.

Mayor – we know what our responsibility is. We can recommend anything we want to the Town Council and Town Council can do what it wants with it. He thanked her for bringing the data to the committee.

6. Old Business:

a. Police vehicles:

The Chief stated that Harper's car needs help. He will get info on potential vehicles.

b. Radar Sign:

The radar sign is working.

c. Cameras:

The camera is working by Tony's.

Other:

Chief stated that we need a town ordinance for sale of tobacco to minors.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to recommend to Town Council to adopt Ordinance 16-9A – 2. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to adjourn at 10:44 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by, Lori Robertson