

Special Police Committee Minutes
0945 Thursday, 1 April 2014 @ Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and D. Springer

Staff Present: Chief Ransom, Amy Boyd

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 0955. Agenda approved unanimously.
2. **No minutes to approve as this was a Special Meeting.**
3. Visitors: None
4. New Business:
 - a. Auxiliary Officer Policy – Chief discussed 2 documents: the media release and official policy. In summary, Auxiliary Officers will be unarmed and unsworn personnel working to assist regular officers in parades, events, and traffic control. Amy Boyd recommended this be sent for legal review. **Motion to adopt (subject to satisfactory legal review) made by D. Springer, Seconded by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.** Chief/Town Clerk to advertise in newspaper, post on town website/Facebook.
 - b. Relocating Radar Speed Sign. General agreement that sign is most effective if locations are rotated and that it is time to relocate from High Street. Various locations discussed: New Street (both ends), Princess, Washington, Day Care Center, etc. Agreed to place on New Street between King & Princess, Chief to coordinate best placement. Noted that this was purchased with several (five or six) bases to make it easy to relocate. D. Springer suggested we install all bases and rotate more frequently.
 - c. Progress update on Community Participation Grant (\$10,000) for surveillance. Draft RFP developed by Chief/Springer/IT Contractor discussed briefly and given approval. Amy/Chief/Tom/Springer to meet in the following week for final review and publishing.
 - d. Purchase of new vehicles. Chief provided itemized repair slips for Car #12 which total almost \$9,000.00 and suggested that a new vehicle is needed. Because it is between model years (all 2014s have been sold and 2015s are not yet available) the pricing is unknown. Chief is to obtain pricing and forward to committee; also stated that delivery is quick, approximately one month after ordering. Springer noted that there are many upcoming needs (possible parking kiosks, street & drainage repairs, curbing, etc) and we need a better plan, to budget for life-cycle replacement and monitoring of repair costs. For example, if a car is projected to last 5 years, and we have 5 cars then we should have in the budget one purchase (plus minor repairs on the other 4) for each year. Since we have recently invested substantially in car #12 via new: brakes, radiator, wipers, alternator, transmission and drive shafts, battery and engine – perhaps we should keep it until it has something else wrong? Furthermore, with 3 “older cars”, one of the others may become unserviceable first necessitating their replacement. It would be possible to “make do” short one vehicle for a month in an emergency. General discussion on how we got behind by accepting surplus/excess vehicles from other sources which have been discovered to be poorly suited for LE usage. The Isuzu 4-wheel drive vehicle has drive train problems and is of limited suitability (lack electronics). Amy Boyd suggested we contact local auto repair shops to get competitive pricing. In response to discussion questions, Amy will also research to determine criteria for usage of infrastructure funds.

Motion made by Robertson, seconded by Springer to adjourn at 1034. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Springer