

Police Committee Minutes

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, and W. Smith.

Staff Present: Chief Ransom

Absent: D. Springer

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:50 AM and approval of agenda.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of May 2014 Police Committee minutes as written.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith, to approve the May minutes 2014.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: None

4. Financial Report:

- a. Stats – no discussion

5. New Business:

- a. Ordinance review for fines

The Chief presented several ordinances for review:

- 1 - Littering Ordinance – this references 22-154A-4, Section 4 – Unlawful Disposal of Litter. Per the town attorney we need to change the fine from \$750 to \$300.

- Motion made by W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson to change the fine from \$750 to \$300 for the Unlawful Disposal of Litter. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 2 – The 100' Law – this references no loitering in front of businesses that sell alcohol from 10pm-6am. The fine is \$100 plus court costs.

- L. Robertson – what about people that are out there smoking?

- Chief – the officers will use their discretion.

- Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to approve the \$100 plus court costs fine for the 100' Law. Motion carried unanimously.**

- 3 – Petite Larceny – this references a theft of under \$1,000 value. The fine is to be no less than \$1,000, and up to one year in jail. We can go as high as \$2500. The mayor suggested \$1500.

- Motion made by W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson to approve the \$1500 fine for Petite Larceny. Motion carried unanimously.**

4 – Cruelty to Animals – we can fine up to \$2,000 for the first offense and \$3,000 for the second offense.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to approve a \$2,000 fine for the Cruelty to Animals, first offense. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to approve the \$3,000 fine for Cruelty to Animals, second offense. Motion carried unanimously.

5 – Obscene/Harassing/Threatening phone calls – this is a misdemeanor of not less than \$500.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to approve a \$500 fine for Obscene/Harassing/Threatening phone calls. Motion carried unanimously.

b. – Review of surveillance camera bid

Chief – presented a quote from Tactical Solution and Integration, LLC. He and D. Springer met with Tactical, and Accurate Systems to get the IT details squared away.

L. Robertson – the quote is difficult to read.

Chief – the total once it's added up is approx. \$25,000. \$10,000 of that is a grant.

Mayor – seems like it went over the amount we discussed.

Chief – we had talked about a \$30,000 price tag.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by W. Smith to send the quote to finance. Motion carried unanimously.

c. – Parking permit renewals

Mayor – this is moving forward, the permits are due July 1, 2014.

6. Old Business:

a. Online payments –

Chief – this will allow people to pay their utility bills (water/sewer) online, as well as citations (parking tickets). We can't do traffic citations because the fines aren't listed on the citation. The person would have to call in to the police department and get the fine, or have the option of going to court to challenge it. All credit card transactions go to the individual, not the town.

Mayor – noted that the Park Mobile system recently out in place, took ½ of the revenue in their fees. That's a significant loss in revenue for the town. We are going to have to take another look at this, and possibly cancel it.

b. Parking Enforcement Officer – interviews

W. Smith has not have to time to review the applications and is agreeable to those chosen.

Mayor – suggests setting up the interviews for Wednesday, June 25, at 10:15am.

Starting pay is \$9/hr.

All were in agreement.

c. Vehicle purchase –

Mayor – we have spent a large amount of money on repairs and we need a new vehicle. The one we have been looking at is an SUV with a CAD System. We have \$30,000 set aside. Officer Yonkers will get the SUV, and Officer Cummings will get Officer Yonkers vehicle.

Motion made by W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson to move forward on the purchase of the SUV with the CAD System. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made by W. Smith, Second by L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:26 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by Lori Robertson.