

Police Committee Minutes

Tuesday May 17, 2018

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

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Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, Cheryl Roberts, and J. Ford.

Staff Present: Chief Mike King, Corporal Casey Yonkers

Absent: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:45 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes:

J. Ford – if there are no objections, the minutes are approved. None noted.

3. Visitors: Mark Everhart, Tabitha Johnston (Editor of Chronicle)

4. Financial Reports:

The Chief mailed them to the Committee members. He has received a few concerns from business owners. They feel like there has been an increase in the number of tickets issued. The Chief ran the stats from the last two years and the numbers are actually down 28%. The SPD voids almost 19% of tickets written to help people out. Moving violations are down 18% - most of those are from no proof of insurance. Once they provide the insurance the ticket is dismissed. Many of the tickets that are written are from distracted driving with cell phone use.

It was noted that any complaints should go directly to the Chief. J. Ford and Chief King will write an article highlighting the stats and where to make complaints. It was also noted that the parking map was hand delivered to all businesses last year, and that the map should be

easier to find on the Visitor Center and town's websites.

5. Unfinished Business:

a. None

6. New Business:

a. Update on Policy and Procedures

Chief – has emailed a copy of the policy and procedures. The insurance co. provided them and they are basically the same as what we had before, and the Chief made changes to accommodate us. The current policies and procedures are antiquated, and with the few changes, it brings us up to date. They touch on how the SPD should conduct themselves, professionalism within the department and public interaction/calls. These guidelines are written to be fluid based on Supreme Court and State rulings.

An example is suspected concealed drugs – guidelines include how, when and where a search is done, how many officers in the room, privacy/respect, notifying a supervisor, and officers of the same gender as the suspect. Most, if not all, of these procedures are already followed, but this tightens them up.

b. A demonstration was conducted by a parking enforcement officer for the newly acquired Segway for the Editor of the Chronicle. It was explained that it would be used by the police officers and the parking enforcement officers to collect the heavy change from the meters, parking enforcement, ease of police presence for parades and festivals as it can be used during these events without using a police car. It was purchased used, runs on a battery that holds a charge for over 15 hours, has front and rear lights for safety, and saddlebag type storage on both sides.

7. Misc.

The Mayor mentioned that there is an increase in people driving the wrong way up one-way streets, drivers blowing through stop signs, and an increase in U-Turns. He wants to see these offenses cracked down on as they are on the rise. We have over 1200 signs in town and we don't need anymore.

Mayor – if there is no objections the meeting is adjourned at 10:35 a.m. No objections. . Respectfully Submitted by Lori Robertson.