

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2011

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Acting Chief Ransom

Absent: None

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:40 AM and approval of agenda.

Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval January 20, 2011 Police Committee minutes as written.

Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: None

4. Mayor's Report:

- a. Parking Permit costs -

The Mayor stated that the fees for parking permits has not been increased in quite some time and feels like it's time to do just that. We have 550 spaces and 270 of those spaces are taken. He wants to keep Residential, Non-profit, Guest and Employee the same fee, he suggests an increase the first Tenant permit from \$5 to \$25 and the second Tenant permit from \$50 to \$75. The replacement cost stays the same.

The Mayor is also interested in putting meters along west High Street.

5. Chiefs Report:

- a. Financial Reports/Budget

The Mayor stated that there was a big increase in revenue in Feb from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

- b. Chief Ransom is interested in an increase in certain fines. He will do the research and bring it to the next Police committee meeting. He would like to order commemorative badges for SQ 250. He also wants permission to update the vehicle graphics. He would also like to look into 4 new radar units at \$1,300 a piece. We have the money for and would like to recommend it to Finance. Again, he will do all of the research and present it to the PC for recommendation to the Town Council.

6. New Business:

- a. DUI Grant

Chief Ransom put in for a \$3,000 DUI Grant that covers overtime for Click it or Ticket.

b. Chief of Police

The Mayor plans to keep Sgt. Ransom as Acting Chief for stability until we decide to advertise April 15. The advertisement will run for 2 weeks and then have interviews in early May. The mayor will increase the Officer Ransom's salary to the Chief's level.

7. Old Business:

- a. Probationary period for new officers to be raised from the current 6 months to one year.
- a. Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.
- b. Discussion when hiring new officers to offer an incentive of them working for three years under contract if we pay for Police Certification.

Motion made by D. Springer, Second by W. Smith to adjourn at 9:40 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Lori Robertson