

## Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 20, 2011

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Johnson

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:47 AM and approval of agenda.

**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.**

2. Approval December 16, 2010 Police Committee minutes as written.

**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson to approve the minutes of December 16, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Visitors: None

4. Mayor's Report:

- a. Parking- Saturday Enforcement

The Mayor stated that the Corporations Ordinance calls for the enforcement of parking meters on Saturdays. He stated that the college kids are parking at the meters along German Street, taking up spaces for the retailers.

D. Springer asked if Saturday, then why not enforce Sundays too.

The Mayor stated that the ordinance only stipulates Saturdays and that we would have to pay labor costs for Sundays. We currently have no B & O tax that many small municipalities use and we don't want to institute the tax. The Mayor stated that 50% of the Saturday meter collection could be earmarked for SQ 250 because they will continue to need money throughout the year for the celebration.

D. Springer noted that SQ 250 would bring in tourists.

L. Robertson asked about the enforcement timeline.

The Mayor stated it would be soon. He also mentioned that the meter labels would need replacing to update the hours and amount needed. He also noted that the Chief is now working 8 am – 4 pm, Monday – Friday to allow for administrative and parking duties.

D. Springer asked why not increase the meter enforcement from 8 am -6 pm to 8 am – 8 pm. The Mayor stated due to labor costs and the availability of those officers on duty due to being busier with patrol and disturbances in the evening.

L. Robertson noted the Picket should be notified as a matter of fairness and the Mayor said they always are.

The Mayor stated he would put this issue on the Finance Committee's agenda. He also stated that the parking ticket revenue was down 17% from July 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010. However, he stated that the parking meter revenue was up 24% in the same time period.

5. Chiefs Report:

a. Financial Reports/Budget

The Mayor stated that December was a terrible month from the police dept. L. Robertson noted that the students were out of school most of December.

The Chief stated he would like to bump Jimmy Cummings to Corporal. The Mayor stated it had to go to Personnel first.

D. Springer suggested "frocking" which is an increase in status without the pay raise.

The Chief also noted that Officer King is doing a great job at night.

6. New Business:

a. Probationary Period of Parking Enforcement Officer.

Both the Mayor and the Chief stated that Laura is doing a wonderful job and her probation period is over January 26, 2011.

D. Springer suggested a possible pay raise in the near future and L. Robertson agreed.

b. D. Springer noted that he had recently attended the Homeland Security meeting in Charles Town. Discussed was the COOP Plan (Continuity of Operations). The mayor thanked him for going and D. Springer stated he volunteered the New Town Hall to host a meeting since they are rotated. Also, there was a grant approved.

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 L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:35 AM. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by, Lori Robertson**