

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, May 21, 2009

9:45 a.m.

Town Hall

Members Present: J. Auxer, L. Robertson, S. Wallace

Staff Present: Chief Johnson

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:55 AM and approval of agenda.
Motion made by S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval April 2, 2009 minutes with the changes listed; The Chief was not Acting Chief and it should be Wed. instead of Thursday.
Motion made by S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson to approve the minutes with the above changes. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Visitors: None

4. Mayor's Report:

The Mayor reported that the police department cleared \$27,000.00 for the month of April. May's report was not yet available.

The Mayor also reported the parking plan was the same as last year's plan. The stickers on the vehicles are due to expire June 30th and starting July 1st new stickers/passes will available to purchase. People will have one month to purchase these and the police department will stay open until noon on Saturdays, with Monday thru Friday hours 8-5pm.

5. Chiefs Report:

a. Financial Reports

Again the department cleared \$27,000.00 in April. The Chief reports he recently had a staff meeting with the officers and meter maids to get out of the office more to work.

b. Fifth Officer

The Chief states that there is a need for a fifth full time officer. Some State Troopers have applied and the shift filled would be 10 pm – 8 am, which fills a current gap. The Chief will look at applications and put on the Council agenda for June.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by S. Wallace to recommend a fifth full time officer and to send to Finance. Motion carried unanimously.

6. New Business:

The Chief states the golf cart being used by the meter maids must have a license plate and possibly lights to make it legal per the DMV. He will call DMV to make that happen.

The Chief also states that in the summer the officers get very hot in their current uniforms due to the type of material they are made of. He has found nice gray polo shirts with gold embroidery (badge and name), along with black shorts. The committee agreed they would look nice and be more comfortable.

7. Old Business:

- a. The town's attorney has asked for the Berkeley County ordinance which L. Robertson will get for him.
- b. Probationary period for new officers to be raised from the current 6 months to one year.
- c. Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.
- d. 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 S. Wallace, Second by L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:22 AM. Motion carried unanimously.