

## Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 17, 2011

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Acting Chief Ransom, Frank Welch

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:38 AM and approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval February 17, 2011 Police Committee minutes as written.

**Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson to approve the minutes of February 17, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.**

3. Visitors: None

4. Mayor's Report:

- a. Parking Permit costs -

The Mayor stated that the parking permit costs would be going in front of town council. He also stated that when the students come back from Spring break, our officers will be doing a 6 pm check on the parking.

5. Acting Chief's Report:

- a. Financial Reports/Budget

Not discussed

- b. Discussion of creating Auxiliary or Reserve Program

Acting Chief Ransom is to meet with the Jefferson County Sheriff's office to discuss having a small auxiliary of 4-5 people to help us save on overtime. They would be used for parades, events, foot patrol, etc and would have no arrest powers. He thought they should have a uniform and the Mayor suggested a vest, which everyone loved that idea. Ransom also stated he had some shirts on hand that could be used as well. D. Springer asked about training and liability and Ransom stated he would get more information for the next meeting.

- c. Auctioning unused cars, old radar units, old parking meters

The Mayor and A.C. Ransom stated that they want to get rid of some old police cruisers. Two can be sold and it will save on insurance for the town. Also the old meters might be sold on EBay, some of the items sold will have to go through a bidding process. There is a shed full of items that needs to be gone through as well.

- d. Photos of 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary badges

A.C. Ransom presented the committee with several photos of badges he's like us to consider. The officers put the designs together and are willing to kick in some money to help

pay for them. The mayor was against them doing that and stated we would pay for the badges possibly out of the equipment budget. Ransom was given the go-ahead and as soon as the marketing committee has a logo ready, he will be given that to place on the badges.

- e. Possible forfeiture of \$218.63 from 2002 drug case  
A.C. Ransom, while going through the police safe, found money from a 2002 drug case and stated he's waiting to hear if the department gets to keep this money. He feels like we will be able to keep it.
- f. "A Child Is Missing" information  
This is a local, non-profit, private organization that A.C. Ransom has signed the department up for. They have a special number that goes to a call center that sends out thousands of calls a minutes to local jurisdictions as an alert. There is also a Silver alert for the elderly that works the same way. This is not the same as an Amber Alert. Ransom is working on that, but it requires more time to set up.

6. New Business:

- a. Fines  
Acting Chief Ransom is still researching which fines can and should be raised.
- b. Daycare  
A.C. Ransom has made the observation that a sign needs to be posted by the Day Care to slow drivers down. He noted he's clocked them going 30-4- MPH in that area and asked F. Welch if Public Works had a sign they could place there. F. Welch stated that it's a state road and no sign can be placed there or the state will remove it. They will check to see if they can get state approval for a sign.
- c. L. Robertson noted that there has been a lot of vandalism recently and can we do something to stop that. It will be looked into.
- d. L. Robertson asked F. Welch about putting the speed bumps back in the alleys and he stated it was already being done.

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 L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to adjourn at 10:12 AM. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Respectfully submitted by, Lori Robertson**