

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 18, 2011

9:45 a.m.

Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Chief Ransom

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:57 AM and approval of agenda.
Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Approval May 2011 minutes as written.
Motion made by D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson to approve the minutes of July, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Visitors: None
4. Mayor's Report:
 - a. Financial Reports
D. Springer inquired about the monthly trends he'd like to see and the Mayor stated that Terri had compiled that for us and handed it out. D. Springer asked if she could change the format from predicting future months to showing the previous 12 months instead. He Mayor asked what we are looking for. D. Springer stated that it could be used for the budget and future purchases and goals to shoot for. It was agreed that that was a good idea. The Mayor pointed out that we have had one suicide attempt from the report and that parking is going smoothly.
5. New Business:
 - a. Hiring of fourth officer
The Mayor spoke to this stating that tomorrow (8/19) is the deadline to accept applications/resumes for a Certified officer. He also pointed out that Officer King would be gone most of September so it would be nice to bring someone on sooner rather than later. D. Springer pointed out that although we needed someone we should take our time. The Mayor set 8/24 as the deadline to look over the applications so Amy can then set up interviews. Please pick 3 or 4 to interview. L. Robertson was given the applications to look at Friday and she will return them to the Mayor Friday night for him to give to D. Springer by the weekend. W. Smith would be made aware of the applications also.
 - b. Radar signs
The Mayor stated that this is a suggestion for the top of 480 & High Streets as a precautionary measure while the University is building the underpass. All of the students

will be diverted to the top of the hill to this intersection to cross to get to campus. It is a sign that as one is driving, it show the drivers speed with blinking numbers.

D. Springer asked about the costs.

The Mayor stated that they were supposed to be in the packet but didn't get in there.

L. Robertson asked about the possibility of using rumble strips.

Mayor-the State guy is coming to speak to the Mayor within the next few days.

D. Springer –wasn't sure what the problem was that we needed the sign.

L. Robertson – explained that the cars go fast up that hill even though there are signs that mark it as Pedestrian Crossing.

D. Springer asked if the University Crossing Guard would move up to that intersection and the Mayor stated that he would, but it's poorly lit and he'd only be there during certain hours. The Mayor also stated that it might be a good idea to move it the other side of the block directly across the street.

c. Proposed Ordinances

- Section 3-105 Relating to establishing that it is a misdemeanor for a person not permitted to purchase or drink alcoholic beverages by reason of age to use a false identification for purchase or drinking alcoholic beverages.
- Section 7A-120110 Relating to establishing that it is a misdemeanor to make or knowingly permit obscene, anonymous, harassing, repeated and threatening telephone calls.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to recommend the above Ordinances to Town Council for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Old Business:

a. Discussion of creating an Auxiliary Program

Chief Ransom stated that he is summarizing another jurisdictions guidelines and will hve them ready for us next month.

b. Chaplain

The Chief stated that Fred Soltow has agreed to do it and the Chief is getting the guidelines for this as well.

c. Ordinance recommended by Chief Ransom

The is in reference to the State's cruelty to animals ordinance- that misdemeanor portion and would allow our officers to fine someone a minimum of \$300 for ex., locking their dog in a car on a hot day.

Motion made by L. Robertson, Second by D. Springer to recommend the misdemeanor portion of the States ordinance for adoption. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Misc

a. Probationary period for new officers to be raised from the current 6 months to one year.

b. 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 D. Springer, Second by L. Robertson to adjourn at 10:46 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Lori Robertson**