

Police Committee Minutes

Thursday, July 21, 2011

9:45 a.m. Town Hall

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

Staff Present: Acting Chief Ransom

Absent: W. Smith

1. Meeting was called to order by Mayor Auxer at 9:45 AM and approval of agenda.

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

2. Approval June, 2011 Police Committee minutes as written.

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

3. Visitors: None

4. Financial Report:

The Mayor spoke to the r\$230,000 deficit that has incurred for one year but would still like to hire a fourth officer.

5. New Business:

- a. Hiring of the fourth officer:

The Mayor spoke of hiring a fourth officer and the different ways of doing that. We could either hire a certified officer or send a potential candidate to the academy. It would cost the corporation approx. \$4,000 to send an applicant to the academy.

D. Springer that he is big on having a fourth officer to add to out current staff to help cover sick and vacation days.

Chief Ransom stated that there is a real need for early AM traffic patrol.

The Mayor posed the question of whether we should hire certified or non-certified.

L. Robertson and the Chief stated they liked the idea of giving a non-certified a chance but understood the reality of a certified being able to hit the ground running.

D. Springer stated that we should look at the overall cost of both. (He had to leave for the remainder of the meeting)

The Mayor, Chief Ransom and L. Robertson all agreed that hiring a certified officer would be the most cost effective and decided to advertise for the purpose of hiring a certified fourth officer.

7. Old Business:

- a. Discussion of creating an Auxiliary or Reserve Program

A. C. Ransom met with Ben Williams and is getting the verbiage that will allow this program to be implemented to help with traffic for events, etc.

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b. Chaplain:

The Chief is still inquiring.

c. Ordinance recommended by Chief Ransom:

His requests are with Chaz, the town attorney.

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

e. Amend the military coverage from the current 60 days to 30 days.

f. 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 Mayor Auxer to adjourn at 10:29 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by, Lori Robertson