

## **POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 14, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Dave Gough at 6:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Stuart Vamstad and Brian Bennett. Absent: Janet West and Dennis E. Murphy. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, John Sonsalla, Police Chief Jason King, Police Sergeant Tony Ruesga, Dale Wiegel, Brian Lund and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Bennett second by Vamstad that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Vamstad second by Bennett to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried. Steve Pickett arrived at the meeting at 6:10 PM.

Under new business, Chief King presented the 2016 Police Department Annual Report. His presentation included a power point presentation and a handout distributed to those present at this meeting. The information provided included information on the following: Incidents Reported; Parking Enforcement; Traffic & Municipal Citations; Overtime; Budget Expenses; Budget Revenues; Staffing Levels; All Police Officers are Emergency Medical Responders; Use of Body Cams; K-9 Report; DARE Class; Annual Brat Feed & Ball Game; Shop with a Cop; K-9 Glow Run and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip with Emergency Response Agencies.

Chief King then answered questions from those present regarding the 2016 Annual Report. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to accept the 2016 Annual Police Department Report as presented. Mayor Breunig left the meeting at 7:05 PM.

Chief King and Sergeant Ruesga then gave a presentation on immigration issues affecting our community. Chief King stated the City of Darlington is not a "sanctuary city" however they are not going to assist federal agents with the roundup of all undocumented immigrants. Sergeant Ruesga stated he is working with leaders in the Hispanic community to disseminate information to ease their concerns. He also explained the lengthy process required for an immigrant to become a U.S. citizen. Chief King then stated he would like to hold a public information meeting on this issue, to present information and answer questions; and to try and eliminate some of the misinformation being spread around the community. Chief King then asked the Police Commission members if they agreed with the actions taken by the Police Department to date regarding this matter. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to support the Police Department in their handling of this matter.

Chief King then stated he would like to hold a carry concealed weapon class. He stated the State of Wisconsin allows local police departments to teach the four hour class. After completion of the class, the participants can apply to the State for their carry concealed weapon permit. Jason stated he was approached by Amy Prine to hold a class for some of the women at the Wellness Center.

The Park and Recreation Committee considered and declined to hold a class through the Wellness Center. Jason also stated he would like to hold a women's only class, so they would be more comfortable attending the class. Dale Wiegel stated the Darlington Rifle Club is willing to cooperate with Chief King with this class, and offered their facility for any recommended training. Jason stated the class would be offered as a service, outside of the Wellness Center, for little or no fees. After discussion and consideration, it was the consensus of those present to authorize representatives of the Darlington Police Department to offer a carry concealed weapon class as presented. Dale Wiegel left the meeting at 7:38 PM.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Gough second by Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer