

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES MARCH 16, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Dave Gough. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Janet West, Ken Staver and Dennis E. Murphy. Excused absence: Gary Ringen. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Cindy Corley, John Sonsalla, Chief Jason King, Tony Ruesga, Mark Nelson and Phil Risseeuw.

Motion by Staver second by Murphy that the meeting notice and agenda were properly posted. Motion carried. Motion by Murphy second by West to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried.

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning current procedures used for the hiring of part-time police officers. Chief King explained historically part-time police officers have been hired by the Police Chief; and full time police officers have been hired by the Police Commission. Included in the agenda packet were copies of the data collection worksheets all applicants are required to complete. Chief King reported on the background checks he completes; and evaluation process he goes through before a part-time officer is hired. Chief King then answered questions concerning this process. After review and consideration, the current procedures used for the hiring of part-time police officers were acceptable to the members of the Police Commission. Steve Pickett arrived at the meeting at 6:08 PM.

Under other unfinished business, Chairman Gough reported the area around Mike's Engine Works has been cleaned up, and looks much better. Chief King reported Mike McKillip responded well to the cleanup requests. The area will be monitored for continued compliance. Discussion was then held concerning sidewalk encroachments by Main Street businesses; however Police Commission members did not feel that was a matter for concern, as the items for sale are put back inside overnight.

Under new business, Chief Jason King presented the 2009 Police Department Annual Report. Copies of the report were included in the agenda packets. The material included copies of the following: Incident Report; Two-Year Crime Comparison Report; and Police Chief Evaluation. Chief King presented highlights from each report. He also presented information regarding the following: Parking Enforcement; Overtime; 2009 Budget; Staffing Levels; Personnel Changes; Grant Acquisitions; Administrative Goals realized; Police-School Liaison Program; Patrol Staff Goals realized; K-9 Unit Update; 2010 Projects; and Off-duty Officer Involvement. Bev Anderson arrived at 6:38 PM and Bob Salmi arrived at 6:50 PM.

Chief King answered several questions from those present regarding the 2009 Annual Report. He also reported the Darlington Police Department will receive new squad car radios through the grant received by the Darlington Fire Department for communication improvements. The grant was submitted on behalf of all emergency response organizations within Lafayette County. The grant funds will be a significant cost savings to all the organizations involved. Jeremy Williams arrived at the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Chief King was then asked about police officer assignments to local sporting events at Darlington High School. He reported if there is a sporting event at the high school, its part of the officer's normal patrol to make a presence at the event. In the situation of an anticipated large crowd, Chief King stated he also attended the event in uniform. Chief King stated school district representatives appreciate the police presence; however the school district does not pay for the police presence.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Staver second by Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Motion carried.

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Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer