

POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Dave Gough at 6:07 PM. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Janet West, Dennis E. Murphy and Gary Ringen. Excused absence: Ken Staver. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Bev Anderson, Don Osterday, John Sonsalla, Cindy Corley, Jason King, Tony Ruesga, James Johnson Jr., Bob Salmi, Josh Jerry, Doug Lindstrom and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, discussion was held concerning the Police Department's request to implement a canine unit and begin raising funds for same. Jason King distributed information at this meeting regarding the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit, and a list of communities in Wisconsin and Northern Illinois who currently have canine units. Discussion was then held concerning the need for a canine unit in Darlington. Chief King reported on several situations where he felt the canine unit would help their police department. Chief King then asked Josh Jerry, the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department's Drug Enforcement Officer, to report on his experiences with canine units. Steve Pickett arrived at the meeting at 6:20 PM. Janet West and Bob Salmi left the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Discussion items included the following:

- Will mutual aid be provided to all law enforcement agencies in the county? Chief King stated he would recommend mutual aid be provided only to the Lafayette Co. Sheriff's Department.
- The dog would not be purchased until sufficient funds are raised for the project. Chief King stated he would be applying for matching grant funds for this project.
- Mayor Breunig asked several questions concerned citizens asked of him regarding the canine unit.
- The dog can only have one handler, and the handler Police Officer would work his normal scheduled shifts. He would also be available other times as needed.
- Chairman Gough reported on the comments from Janet West who had to leave the meeting early, and Ken Staver who could not attend the meeting.
- James Johnson Jr. will be the dog's handler. His military commitment is scheduled to expire October, 2010.

Dan O'Brien arrived at the meeting at 6:47 PM and Dennis Murphy arrived at the meeting at 6:55 PM.

After discussion and consideration, motion by Gough second by Murphy to authorize Chief King to start fundraising for the canine unit; however the canine unit can not be purchased until \$22,300.00 of funds are raised, and Officer Johnson has been released from his military obligations. Motion carried.

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

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Philip A. Risseuw, Clerk-Treasurer