

**POLICE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Commission Chairman Dave Gough at 6:00 PM. Present at roll call were: Dave Gough, Janet West, Dennis E. Murphy and Gary Ringen. Absent: Ken Staver. Also present were: Mayor Dave Breunig, Cindy Corley, Bev Anderson, Jason King and Phil Risseeuw.

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

Under unfinished business, Chief King reported he did apply for a couple grants for the proposed canine unit. However no final determinations have been made yet.

Under new business, Chief King presented his proposed 2010 Police Department budget for review and consideration. A copy of the proposed budget and letter of explanation was included in the agenda packet. The proposed budget calls for total revenues of \$18,600.00; and total expenditures of \$437,575.10. The proposed budget also calls for the following outlay amounts: Police Outlay - \$17,500.00; and DARE Outlay - \$1,000.00. After his presentation, Chief King answered questions from those present concerning the proposed budget.

Chief King then explained the proposed budget included an additional \$2,241.92 wage adjustment, above the 2.0% wage increase authorized by Mayor Breunig, for the Police Chief. Chief King distributed at this meeting, wage information for Police Chief's in communities of similar size to Darlington. He also compared his wages to the projected wages for the current Police Sergeant position in the department. The proposed wage adjustment will increase the Chief's salary to \$56,000.00. Bev Anderson left the meeting at 6:25 PM.

Discussion was held concerning the Police Chief wage increase request. After discussion and consideration, motion by West second by Murphy to recommend approval of the Police Department budget to the City Council, minus the additional \$2,241.92 wage adjustment requested by the Police Chief. Motion carried.

There being no further business for this meeting, motion by Ringen second by Murphy to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Motion carried.

CITY OF DARLINGTON

Philip A. Risseeuw, Clerk-Treasurer