

Police Committee Meeting

25 April 2001 @ 1800

Meeting was called to order at 1800. Betty, Dean, Marilyn, Roger, Tommy, and Johnny were present. Betty motioned for Roger to chair the Police committee, Dean 2nd the motion. Roger asked for problems in each ward. Marilyn shared concern about the grease plant (smell). Tommy will look up old ordinances to see if any apply. She also said that she had received complaints about the police making u-turns on main street (not while in pursuit of another vehicle or person). Tommy says that u-turns are legal except where posted "No U-Turns". Betty said that the old Metal Company (on hwy) has an extreme amount of trash around it that was not properly cleaned up when the company moved. Tommy will look into the clean up, he thinks that the property now belongs to the State.

Tommy said that a police officers vehicle was vandalized while parked in front of the City Hall. Tommy has checked into surveillance cameras for the city offices (\$110.00). Tommy also asked us to look into a different type of camera to take mug shots instead of the digital camera. Practice ammunition came in (\$483.00); we have been billed (\$72.00) for live ammunition so far. M.S.S.C. crime lab has never been paid for last years crime courses (\$2100.00). Tommy says that the School Zone signs need to be checked to ensure that they can be seen by motorists approaching from all directions (If you turn off of Tennessee, you can't see the signs).

Johnny talked about the use of canine cops in our city. She says that Tommy and Tim both have fully certified canine's that could be used. She says that she asks the city to consider using the canines for 60 days on a trial type basis. Johnny asked about the chat pile that was recently dumped just west of Roger's house (1141 East First Street). She says that with the EPA test results 2,030 parts to 1 million that the city needs to get involved in the removal of it. Tommy will check State ordinances on dumping hazardous wastes and will also talk to the prosecutor. Johnny says that she has noticed several stray dogs roaming the streets in her neighborhood. Johnny says that we need to look into the persons receiving information / results of drug tests performed on city employees. She says that this particular person cannot be a city employee. Scott will send pamphlets on drug testing procedures.

Roger said that School will be letting out within the next month and that Tommy needs to alert our City Police Officers of this to ensure the safety of the children.

The next Police meeting was set for May 23 at 1800. Meeting was adjourned at 1900.