

**CITY OF BAYPORT
POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2011
5:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor St. Ores, Councilmembers Carlson, Hanson, Ostertag and Seeberger

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Police Chief Laura Eastman, Police Officer David Wynia

SUMMARY

Chief Eastman provided a detailed overview of the Police Department, including activities and programs to achieve the department's mission statement and focus on community policy. The tenure and experience of the department's full-time, part-time, canine and 13 reserve (**volunteer**) officers was highlighted. Chief Eastman noted the importance of the services provided by the reserve officers who are an extra set of eyes and ears in the community and assist the department with its community policing endeavors, such as vacation and business checks, safety camp, Night to Unite, and Memorial Day parade. She stated the department's budget has seen approximately \$40,000.00 in reductions of certain line items since 2007; as well as the loss of a full-time sergeant and a sixth full-time officer position. She emphasized the importance of grants that have supplemented department/community needs, such as squad cameras and radios, speed and pedestrian signs, computers, bulletproof vests, and participation in public safety programs aimed at reducing the number of drivers violating speed, seat belt and alcohol laws. She reviewed calls for police services for 2005-2010, noting 2,954 calls were logged in 2010.

Officer Wynia, who serves as the department's evidence officer, reviewed the department's evidence program and displayed various illegal items confiscated, such as weapons and drug paraphernalia. The group toured the Police Department, which included a review of the current squad vehicles.

Chief Eastman responded to a resident inquiry regarding two officers patrolling in the same squad car. Typically, two volunteer reserve officers ride together while performing services that complement the paid staff. The reserve officers attend a two-day academy, after which they ride with a reserve sergeant to learn the geography of the city, as well as reinforce the academy training. The reserves often supplement the paid staff for special events, at no cost to the taxpayers. She further explained that new police officers are required to go through approximately three months of field training with another officer. She noted that Officer Wilmes is close to finishing his field training.

Chief Eastman concluded the workshop by thanking Councilmembers for their continued support and willingness to work together to achieve the department's goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.