

# CITY OF MULLINS

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## **Police Committee Meeting Miles Community Center Tuesday, August 19, 2014 3:30 P.M.**

### **A G E N D A**

- 1. Call Meeting to Order & Welcome:** Chairwoman Schiavo
- 2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act**
- 3. Executive Session: re: Retention of Officers**
- 4. Return to Open Session**
- 4. Adjournment**

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The special meeting of the Police Committee was held Tuesday, August 19, 2014, at 3:30 P.M. in the Miles Community Center. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Police Chairwoman Linda Schiavo, Committee Members: George Hardwick, Terry Davis, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Chairwoman Linda Schiavo, Council Members George Hardwick, Terry Davis (3:50), City Administrator David Hudspeth, Police Chief Mike Bethea.

- 1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome:** Chairwoman Schiavo called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.
- 2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:** Chairwoman Schiavo stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Police Committee meeting for August 19, 2014.
- 3. Executive Session: re Retention of Officers:** City Administrator stated there was no need to go into Executive Session. Chairwoman Schiavo stated it was brought to her attention that there are a lot of officers leaving the Police Department. Police Chief Mike Bethea stated he had compiled a list of all the officers that left the department and the reasons why they left. Chief Bethea briefly explained the list to the committee. Hudspeth noted some of the departures were due to take home vehicles. Chief Bethea stated turnover comes in spells and there may be times when you have no officers leaving. Chief Bethea noted the City of Mullins pays more than surrounding agencies. Chief Bethea stated he would like future hires to be

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certified before they begin working here in Mullins. There are currently 24 officers working for the Police Department. The Department is currently two (2) officers short. Hudspeth stated there are things that can be done to retain more officers.

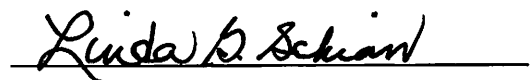
Hudspeth stated there are two (2) cars in the budget for this year. Many of the cars are in bad condition and need to be replaced. The cars are not being run 24 hours a day, but are shared between two (2) officers. Council Member Hardwick stated many of the cars the City owns were purchased from Highway Patrol.

Chairwoman Schiavo asked how much the City receives from tickets. Hudspeth stated the City receives about \$50,000.00 a year from fine money.

Chairwoman Schiavo expressed a need for an officer to walk/patrol Main Street. Hudspeth requested that officers spend more time at the Recreation Department.

Council Member Hardwick asked when the Police Department would be moving to City Hall. Hudspeth stated the day after Labor Day. Hudspeth stated there would be enough parking for the employees.

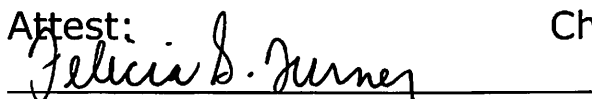
4. Adjournment: Committee Member Hardwick made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.



Linda G. Schiavo

Chairwoman of the Police Committee

Attest:



Felicia S. Turner, Interim Clerk