

Town of Iva

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TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES – Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Iva Town Hall – 204 E. Jackson Street

The Town Council of the Town of Iva met on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Iva Town Hall, located at 2014 E. Jackson Street. Public Notice of the Work Session was given in compliance with the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. A notice of the Work Session was published in the Independent Mail on August 24, 2016, posted on the town's bulletin board and posted to the town's website at www.townofiva.com. The following members of Council were present for the meeting:

Bobby Gentry, Mayor
Elmer Powell, Mayor Pro-Tem
Dwayne Kelley, Council
Mary Forrester, Council
Paul Hart, Council

The following staff members were also present for the Work Session:

Mary McCormac, Town Attorney
Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Jason Hawkins, Chief of Police

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gentry called the Work Session to order

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Terry Allen offered the Invocation. Following the Invocation, everyone stood and pledged allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

Iva Police Department – Shift Schedules

Mayor Gentry commented that the purpose of the Work Session was to discuss the number of police officers needed for Iva and their schedule rotation.

Mayor Gentry commented that the Town Council has authorized a hiring cessation and any new hiring would need to be brought before the Town Council until the cessation is lifted. Mayor Gentry commented that the Police Department is down to 4 officers. Chief Hawkins has requested permission to hire a fifth officer.

Mayor Gentry asked Chief Hawkins to present information to the Town Council. Chief Hawkins presented the following:

- Shift Schedules – 8 hour vs. 12 hour rotation – Chief Hawkins commented that officers prefer the 12 hour shift rotation vs. the 8 hour rotation. It provides the officers with more consistent time to be with their families.
- Shift Schedules – 4 police officers vs. 5 police officers. Chief Hawkins commented that having 4 officers would require several hours of overtime in a month. It would also impair the department when someone is out sick or on vacation.
- School Resource Officer Program – Chief Hawkins commented that he receives many good comments from the District Three Administration regarding the program. The program also provides an avenue for the police officers to build good relationships with students.

Mr. Powell asked Chief Hawkins if the officers were currently happy with the 12 hour shift rotation. Chief Hawkins commented that they were.

Mr. Hart commented that he has reviewed the schedules presented by Chief Hawkins. Mr. Hart commented that after prayerful consideration, he recommends leaving the shift rotation at 12 hours and authorizing the Chief to hire an additional officer, bringing the total number of patrol officers to 5. All were in agreement.

Mr. Powell asked how many patrol vehicles are currently in the fleet. Chief Hawkins commented that there are currently 14 patrol vehicles in the fleet. There was discussion concerning selling one of the vehicles.

Other Matters

Town Equipment – Mayor Gentry commented that the town needs a new tractor / bush hog. There are jobs, including road clearing, ditch cleaning, etc. that the town could be doing with the equipment. Mayor Gentry commented that the town will gather information and look for possible used equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Work Session was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted



Tim Taylor, Town Clerk/Treasurer
TOWN OF IVA, SOUTH CAROLINA