

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS
APRIL 21, 2009**

The Mayor and City Council Committees held meetings of the Fire, Internet and Police Committees beginning at 9 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Mayor W. E. Burns presided.

9 AM – FIRE COMMITTEE

Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Avery and Barnett, City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and Fire Chief Poss.

The committee was reminded that the fire department has one vacancy since the first of the year and Fireman Bell is currently in EMT schooling. A temporary fully-certified worker has been brought in to help with overtime costs. Total budget is on target through the first quarter of 2009.

An increase in the county portion of fire personnel through service delivery was discussed.

9:45 AM – INTERNET COMMITTEE

Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Avery and Barnett, City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and Ken Davis joined the meeting at 10:02 AM.

Committee was advised that the Navini system is over-loaded.

Mastech will be at the April 28 council retreat to present a Wi-Fi presentation.

There are possible stimulus monies available to provide internet access to rural areas.

10:30 AM - POLICE COMMITTEE

Present were Mayor Burns, Council members Avery and Pope, City Administrator Eskew, City Clerk Danner and City Police Chief Davis.

Through the first quarter of 2009 the department is on budget. Two new officers have been hired and are currently in the academy. A COPS Grant application has been submitted to cover the costs of the new hires (a 3 year grant).

The age of the current vehicles was discussed, as well as, officers riding together on certain days of the week/shifts. Chief Davis also distributed information on the use of tasers.

Chief Davis advised of a possible K9 officer from Tar Hill Canine in Grovetown. Chief Davis desires a more passive officer from what Boris was.

_____MAYOR

_____CLERK