

**POLICE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER 29, 2009**

The Police Committee of the Washington City Council met on Thursday, October 29, 2009, at 9 AM in the Council Chambers of City Hall to receive information relating to the current probation contract and to discuss the proposed 2010 department budget.

Present were Mayor Burns, council committee members Avery and Pope. Also present were City Police Chief Davis, City Administrator Eskew and City Clerk Danner.

Council members Cullars and Mahoney were in attendance.

Council member Mahoney advised the committee that some of his constituents had approached him to concerns of their treatment by probation officers with CSRA Probation Services. His constituents advised of rude and disrespectful treatment and further they are given no receipt upon payment of probation monies.

Mayor Burns requested that this issued be handled by the Police Committee and that a meeting with the committee, Mr. Popplewell of CSRA Probation Services and the involved constituents be set up to resolve this issue.

2010 BUDGET ISSUES:

City Administrator Eskew advised that a JAG grant has been awarded in the amount of \$14886 for the purchase of a marked police vehicle. The 2010 budget as proposed has three vehicles included to be offset by the JAG grant.

Current department weapons (Glock 9 mm) were bought in the mid-1990's. The 2010 budget includes purchase of 18 Glock 40 caliber weapons. All surrounding departments have switched to the 40 caliber weapons.

Committee discussed the purchase of tasers for the department. The Wilkes County Sheriff's department and Georgia State Patrol officers use the tasers. Committee requested that Police Chief Davis have a short presentation on tasers during the upcoming November council retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 9:41 AM.

MAYOR

CLERK