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Dunnellon Police chief says 'Thank You' to WPD



Dunnellon Police Chief Mike McQuaig says 'Thank you' as he looks back toward Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow during the City Council meeting Tuesday night (Dec. 5).

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WILLISTON -- It was among the items on the consent agenda Tuesday night (Dec. 5) at the Williston City Council meeting, but the presentation of a gift to another city provided a photo opportunity, as well as a moment for the leader of the accepting agency to say "Thank you."

The consent agenda received a 4-0 vote, with Williston City Council Vice President Nancy Winger being absent.

The Williston Police Department sought and received the 4-0 approval of a resolution of the City of Williston to donate WPD Patrol Vehicle 082 to the Dunnellon Police Department.

Dunnellon Police Chief Mike McQuaig told the City Council that he is very appreciative of the donation, because the Dunnellon Police Department is "in dire need" of police vehicles.

This particular 2008 Chevrolet Impala is no longer needed for agency use by the WPD, according to public documents, due to the WPD purchasing a new patrol vehicle.

Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow noted he wished to donate this car to the Dunnellon Police Department patrol fleet in the document that caused the action to reach fruition. WPD Administrative Assistant Brooke Ellzey Willis completed the form for the City Council to take action.

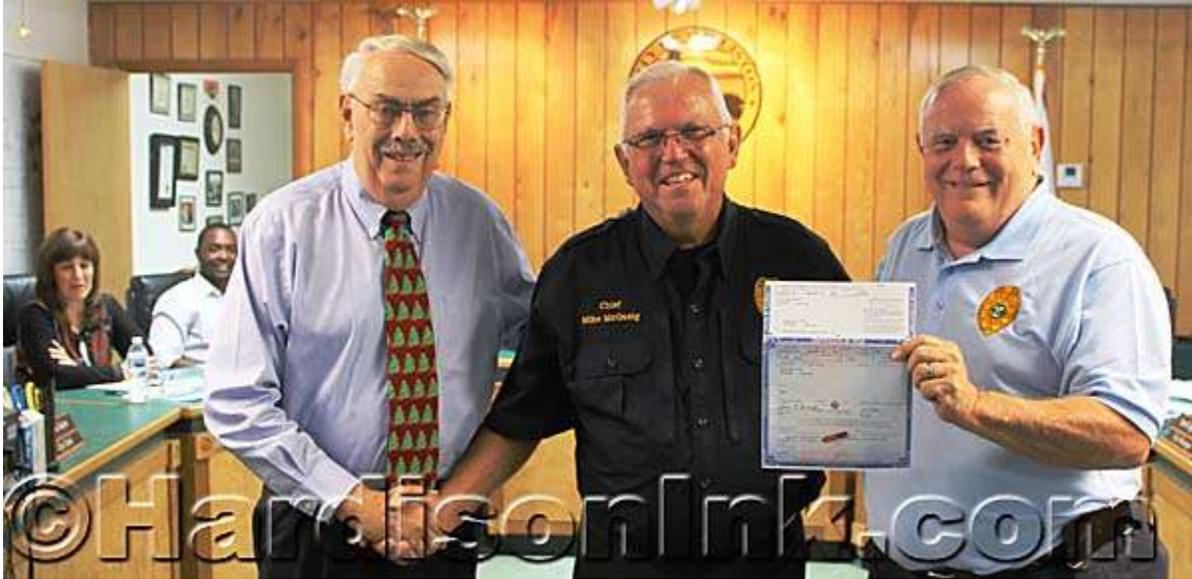
On Thursday (Dec. 7), WPD Deputy Chief Clay Connolly told HardisonInk.com that the WPD had accepted that car from another agency some time ago, and the city did not invest a lot into it.

On Tuesday night WPD Auxiliary Officer Jimmy Willis asked the chief to "take care of that car." Deputy Chief Connolly said that both Auxiliary Officer Willis and WPD Chaplain Charlz Caulwell shared that cruiser while it was in the hands of the WPD.

DPD Chief McQuaig said "This is what law enforcement is about. And this is what small towns are about -- helping each other."

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Chief McQuaig said he is thankful that he had the opportunity to watch Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat recognize the children earlier in the meeting for their success in elementary schools in Williston, because those children are the adults of the future.



(from left) Williston Mayor R. Gerald Hethcoat shakes hands with Dunnellon Police Chief Mike McQuaig as Williston Police Chief Dennis Strow holds the title to the car the WPD and the city gave to the DPD and the city of Dunnellon.