

# City of Cuba- Police Committee Minutes

October 17th 2025

6:00 PM

## Committee Members in Attendance:

Alderwoman Clark, Alderman Burgett, Alderman Falk (Remote), Mayor Cozart

Meeting was called to order by Alderwoman Clark at 6:00 PM

Alderwoman Clark explained that the format of this meeting will be a little different. The only item on the agenda is the status of the police contract. She will give information about the current contract, options for the next year, information that pertains to the contract, and then allow the public to make comments. This is meant to be an informative discussion with the public having the ability to ask clarifying questions and make informed input on the future of the police contract. Prior to the meeting being adjourned a poll will be taken which will guide the committee's decision to bring to be voted on at a future City Council Meeting.

The current contract expires on November 30, 2025. The City of Cuba pays \$55.05 per hour for 35 hours of police service per week. This totals \$100,196.04 annually or \$8,349.67 monthly

The options for continuing police service through the Fulton County Sheriff's Office are as follows:

35 hours weekly - \$100,196.04 (no increase as a courtesy)

30 hours weekly - \$85,878.00 approximately \*would need approved by the county Finance Board

25 hours weekly - \$71,565.00 approximately \*would need approved by the county Finance Board

There are currently 3 flock cameras in Cuba. The city covers the cost of 2 while the county covers the cost of 1. The annual cost for upkeep of 1 camera is \$3000 per year. Total cost to Cuba is \$6000. Flock cameras are an infrastructure-free license plate reader camera that can also capture vehicle attributes. They are especially helpful in missing persons or lost/stolen vehicle cases. These are beneficial to the town and the information is useful to all law enforcement agencies.

In 2024 Cuba received \$12,126 in tax levy funds to cover contractual police services. Future funds would not be received if we do not continue contractually provided services or have our own police force. 2025 tax levy has not yet been determined.

Inquiries made to the insurance provider to determine the impact of not having police coverage were forwarded from Kieseletter Insurance Agency. They stated – We don't anticipate any immediate impact on Cuba's insurance rates if they terminate the contract with Fulton County. The key consideration is whether the change leads to a measurable increase in claims such as vandalism, theft, or other criminal activity due to reduced police presence.

Police activity in September for the City of Cuba was 142 responses.

1 – Battery	1 – Theft	1 - Criminal Damage	1 – Officer Assist
2 – OP	13 – Traffic Stops	1 – Warrant (in-state)	4 – Burglar Alarm
1 – Traffic Service	4 – Accidents	2 – Traffic Violations	1 – Suspicious Auto
5 – Domestic	1 – Stand-by	3 – Juvenile	1 – 911 hang-up check

69 – Business Checks  
10 – Public Complaint

13 – Public Service  
1 – Lost/Found/Missing

- 2 – Suspicious Person
- 3 – Unknown

1 – Disturbance

At this time the meeting was opened up to community comments. Residents raised concerns about altering the schedule when police are in town, patrolling all areas of the town even dead-end streets, ensuring there is presence before and after school, ensuring presence in the evenings for alcohol enforcement at the local bars, and where the police are sitting to run radar checks. Concerns were also raised for what other local communities are doing and if it has a large impact on their towns. They would like comparisons to be made to Astoria or Vermont. Alderman Clark stated she has heard concerns raised from the public and that each concern she had spoken to Sheriff Webb regarding he has addressed. She stated she has also spoken to him about putting in place quarterly meetings with him at a place and time mutually agreed upon to discuss issues, ensure contract compliance, and keep open lines of communication between city officials and the Fulton County Sheriff's office. She also relayed that as a start to the city being a better partner with the police we offered the Community Center to any or all law enforcement needing a training space. This offer was gladly accepted on Wednesday 10/15/25 when all local law enforcement agencies came together for a joint training exercise. She also stated that she has asked for additional information for future reporting from Sheriff Webb which will give a clearer picture of whether incidents the Sheriff Department respond to increase, decrease, or have no change on when police presence is in town. An additional question regarding if Cuba had a noise ordinance was asked. We do have a noise ordinance and it is available upon request for review. Another citizen asked about peddlers permits for solar panels preying on some of our most at risk-citizens. A potential program to assist residence at high-risk is being discussed and more information will be announced at a future date.

A poll was called to determine community decision on the future of the police contract. 14 residents were present at the meeting.

- 9 – wanted to keep the current 35 hours/week at current costs
- 1 – wanted to reduce the number of hours
- 2 – wanted to not continue with contracting for police services
- 2 – were undecided

Upcoming Events:

October 20 – Meter Reads

October 21 – OSF Health Screenings (Senior Center 1-3pm)

October 24 – No School

October 28 – City Council Meeting

October 31 – Trunk or Treat/Halloween

November 15 – Soup Cook-off (Cuba Elementary starts @ 4 with proceeds for Food Bank)

November 11 – City Council Meeting

November 25 – City Council Meeting

December 6 – Christmas Parade (Theme = Fro

December 9 – City Council Meeting

December 23 – City Council Meeting

Motion and second to adjourn at 7:35 PM Alderwoman Clark/ Alderman Burgett



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