

City Council Cont. from A-1

needed to be something for kids to do. "I would rather kids be sitting in cars listening to music than breaking into people's homes," Bullock added.

Jim Cox, owner of Cox Hardware, told the council that he felt just the presence of a uniformed officer would be a deterrent by letting people know they were being monitored and "who was in authority."

Shirley Cox suggested to the

council that there also should be more oversight at the city's park on Williams Street. Mrs. Cox, of Cox Funeral Home, told the council that she felt there were some drug deals going on at the park and it needed to be monitored more closely to let people

know the park was for the use of kids and families not drug activity.

Craig said he felt the problem needed to be analyzed and deterrents put in place and practiced consistently. Craig emphasized, "We are seeking the council and police department's guidance in this."

During a discussion of the cost to add extra police personnel, Chief Mink suggested that for now he would make an effort to assign more personnel to patrol the city streets, at least on the weekends, pending availability.

In other action, the council agreed to begin the process to annex the property of the new Northside Baptist Church into the city limits.

They also heard a request for help from the daughter of a resident of Paul Street whose neighbor has seven Beagle dogs on his property. The dogs are a nuisance to her mother, Evelyn Mullins said. The dogs are situated at the back of their owner's property, which puts them right next to the her mother's home, Mrs. Mullins told the council. She said their constant barking kept her mother awake and the smell in the summer was a nuisance.

Mayor Kirby asked Chief Mink to contact the owner about the problem. Mink also gave the council the monthly police report which, among

other items, contained the information that the city will be receiving \$3,800 from the last four drug arrests and convictions that city police participated in that resulted in Federal Forfeiture.

According to the report, the city

will also be receiving 70% of \$38,000 which was seized from a vehicle containing illegal drugs. Mt. Vernon officers made the arrest and the case was prosecuted by the federal government.



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