

*Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, September 7, 2000*

Minutes of a Regular meeting of the **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE** of the Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado. Meeting held in the Municipal Building in said Town of Estes Park on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

Committee: Chairman Gillette, Trustees Jeffrey and Newsom

Attending: All

Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Deputy Police Chief Filsinger, Fire Chief Dorman, Clerk O'Connor

Absent: None

Chairman Gillette called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT.**

**Proposed Ordinance Regulating Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.** Deputy Chief Filsinger stated that when the Town adopted ordinances that enabled the Municipal Court to hear a wider range of cases relating to marihuana use, the possession of related paraphernalia was not addressed. Thus the Department is seeking consideration of an ordinance allowing the Municipal Court to hear and rule on matters of possession of drug paraphernalia. Town Attorney White has reviewed the ordinance. The Committee questioned whether the Court's docket has been extended due to such cases, and Judge Brown could include these particular statistics in his yearly report. **The Committee recommends approval of the Ordinance.**

**Municipal Parking Lots – Discussion on Vehicles advertising “For Sale” signs.** Pursuant to Trustee concerns regarding the appearance of a “used car lot” in public parking lots, Assistant Administrator Repola requested staff research other municipalities to ascertain their restrictions on vehicles placed in public lots with signs advertising “For Sale.” Deputy Chief Filsinger commented on information gathered from other municipalities regarding private vehicles that are advertised with said signs: Aspen controls these vehicles with their Sign Ordinance—vehicles cannot be visible from the road, and complaints are handled on a complaint basis only. Breckeridge utilizes an addendum to the Model Traffic Code with a disclaimer that states it is not a violation to have a vehicle with a For Sale sign if the vehicle is parked in close proximity of the owner's workplace or residence. Both examples are difficult to enforce.

Current procedure allows the Police Dept. to “red tag” a vehicle if it is parked on public property or off-road for 24 hours. Once the tag is issued, the Dept. re-inspects the site within 72 hours. At that time, the license plate number is processed. If the owner can be contacted an officer does so; if not, the vehicle is considered abandoned and is towed.

Following discussion on reviewing potential alternatives prior to adopting an ordinance, **the Committee recommends the Police Dept. (1) tally how many vehicles are listed with a “For Sale” sign on both private and public parking lots and along streets and roadways, and (2) Town Attorney White prepare a draft Ordinance regulating said vehicles, returning to the Committee with the statistics and Ordinance.**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

Recently, Larry Pettyjohn was elected as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Chief, replacing Ron Weakland (deceased). 2<sup>nd</sup> Ass't. Chief Pettyjohn has been an outstanding volunteer for the past 20 years, previously serving as Lieutenant, and he will hold this new position until annual elections are held in December. Chief Dorman will prepare a press release, including Assistant Town Administrator Repola in the distribution list.

**REPORTS.**

The Committee reviewed the Crime Summary Report from April through June, 1998 – 2000.

**Customer Service Surveys.** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2000 Customer Survey Statistics and process were reviewed. Surveys are randomly mailed, and the Police Department confirmed they remain in good standing with the public. The Committee requested that future reports contain information on all surveys, regardless of a positive and negative opinion.

Chairman Gillette commended both the Police and Fire Departments for their outstanding efforts, reminding the community that the Fire Ban remains in effect.

Following completion of all agenda items, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 7:51 a.m.

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Vickie O'Connor, CMC, Town Clerk