

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, October 5, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 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.**

1. **“Buckle Up” Display Sign Request.** Officer Rose outlined a proposal made by Chance Carner and other High School students as a result of a tragic vehicle accident resulting in the death of student, Joshua Cainer. The request is for a purple sign reminding everyone to buckle their seatbelts, and it would include message such as *“In loving memory of Joshua Cainer.”* The sign would be placed in the right-of-way on Manford Ave. near the High School Parking Lot. Additional comments were heard from Joshua Cainer’s father who reported that this proposal was originally presented to CDOT and was denied. **The Committee** expressed their appreciation to all students, parents, and Town staff involved on this proposal, and in an effort to save lives, **recommends approval of the Sign Request, with funding to be provided from the Police Department budget.**
2. **Halloween Street Closure.** In observance of Halloween again this year, the Dept. is promoting the Downtown Halloween Program and youth safety by requesting the closure of Elkhorn Ave. from Spruce Dr. to E. Riverside Dr. from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 31, 2000. Fire Dept. to assist. **The Committee recommends approval of the street closure as presented.** Appreciation was noted for the Police and Fire Departments, and all participating merchants for making this event a safe and fun Halloween celebration.
3. **Proposed Resolution concerning Municipal Court Traffic Fines and the Bright Christmas Program.** In 1998, the Town approved a Resolution authorizing the Municipal Court to participate in a community service program to benefit needy children in the Estes Valley. The Committee reviewed an amended Resolution that would authorize traffic fines collected during the period of October 6<sup>th</sup> through December 7, 2000 to be donated to the Bright Christmas Program, with an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Municipal Judge Brown has submitted his approval of the Program for 2000. **The Committee recommends approval of the Resolution as submitted.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

1. **Ladder Six Inspection.** This annual inspection was conducted, and the equipment met and passed standards. Chief Dorman and Fleet Mgr. Mahany were commended for ensuring the Fire equipment is maintained at 100% capacity.
2. **Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Equipment Purchase – Report.** In memory of Ron Weakland’s passing (2<sup>nd</sup> Ass’t. Fire Chief), all of the

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contributions (\$4,200) received were expended in the emergency medical area. Ron was an EMT, thus the Dept. purchased an AED device that has the potential to help save numerous lives in the future. The device was displayed.

3. **Fire Prevention Week.** Fire Prevention Week begins October 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Dept. intends to present classes to local Schools; brochures are provided with funds from donations; and the on-going Smoke Detector Program is included. The Dept. will install smoke detectors at no charge, and members are researching new ideas to place detectors in all homes.

Chief Dorman responded to a question regarding the hearing impaired, confirming that special smoke detectors are available with sound or a vibrator that is attached to a bed.

### REPORTS.

**Municipal Parking Lots/Vehicles advertising “For Sale” Signs – Update:** As requested by the Committee in September, Officers found 16 vehicles (3 repeats) with “For Sale” signs. Of these, 4 vehicles were on public roadways or parking lots. Of those on public property, 2 vehicles were on Cleave St., 1 was at the High School lot, and 1 at the Municipal Lot. Additionally, the night shift verified that three of the vehicles were removed during evening hours. Thus, staff believes an Ordinance is unnecessary at this time. The Dept. could monitor municipal parking lots to ensure the appearance of a “used car lot” does not occur. **Committee consensus was reached that the Dept. monitor the parking lots as described above, with no further action taken at this time.**

The Committee reviewed the **parking ticket statistics** from July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup>. Violations of 3-hr. parking are down 30% and parking in handicapped spaces is down by one-third from 1999.

Responding to a request for an update on the Moraine Ave. crosswalk, Assistant Town Administrator Repola advised that CDOT has confirmed plans are proceeding. In the meantime, Police Dept. seasonals are paying special attention to this crosswalk. Trustee Jeffrey expressed the need to move quickly.

Pursuant to a citizen’s public safety concern, Trustee Newsom requested staff install delineator posts at the foot of the Moccasin Bypass near the existing retaining wall (at the former Pizza Hut).

Chairman Gillette noted the importance of Trustees being responsive to their constituents, and directed Assistant Town Administrator Repola to report his findings on both items above directly to Trustees Jeffrey and Newsom.

There being no further business, Chairman Gillette adjourned the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

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Vickie O’Connor, CMC, Town Clerk