

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, April 22, 2004

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 22nd day of April, 2004.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Doylen, Pinkham
Attending: All
Also Attending: Town Administrator Widmer, Police Chief Richardson, Fire Chief Dorman, Clerk O'Connor
Absent: None

Chairman Newsom called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m., noted his pleasure in being appointed Chairman and welcomed new Committee Members Doylen and Pinkham.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

2004 Vehicle – Request Authorization to Purchase. The Police Department's Budget includes \$21,000 for the replacement of a 1999 patrol vehicle. The vehicle is within the Town's replacement policy and staff desires to replace it with a larger vehicle for use by the detectives. With the new vehicle, a shifting of vehicles will occur that will ultimately provide a marked patrol vehicle. Bids for a 2004 Police Explorer 4x4 were as follows:

VENDOR	MODEL	BASE PRICE	TRADE-IN	BID TOTAL
Estes Park Auto Mall	2004 Ford Police Explorer, 4x4	\$27,790.75	\$3,000.00	*\$24,790.75 *2% local bid advantage = \$495.00. \$24,295.75
Phil Long Ford	"	\$26,569.00	\$2,000.00	\$24,569.00
Garnsey & Wheeler Ford	", does not meet specs.	\$25,569.00	-0-	\$25,569.00

Chief Richardson explained that the budget deficit could be funded from a line item within the Department's budget, and clarified the necessity for the 4-wheel drive vehicle (rugged terrain, private driveways, cargo space for equipment for collection of evidence). Staff confirmed their intention to replace Crown Victoria patrol vehicles with smaller vehicles, not 4-wheel drive vehicles. The **Committee recommends acceptance of the bid submitted by Estes Park Auto Mall for \$24,790.75.**

Reports.

Zone Policing – PowerPoint Presentation by Sgt. Rose. Sgt. Rose provided background information on the current philosophy of *community policing* (developing a mutual effort between police and the community that identifies problems of crime and disorder and involves all elements of the community in the search for solutions to these problems.), reviewed the process of *problem oriented* (identify the problem, examine it, decide on the solution, and monitor the solution and adjust accordingly), and presented a proposal for "Zone Policing."

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A “zone” is essentially a community within a community; zone policing is the application of assigning an officer to a designated area(s) for policing duties. This philosophy would remain consistent with the Department’s community policing philosophy, and in addition to law enforcement, assistance to victims of crime, public order maintenance, and emergency response, the officer’s primary concern for their zone would be crime prevention.

General discussion followed regarding the implementation plan, how officers would be assigned, empowerment of officers, law enforcement coverage, plan to measure effectiveness, department consensus on the proposal, and plan flexibility. Specific discussion was heard on whether or not having an officer on campus has been embraced by the school system. Chief Richardson reported on serious discussions with the School regarding a School Resource Officer and the intent of this assignment is first and foremost as a “role model”, enforcement would be secondary.

Colorado Police Corp. – Presentation by Officer Gliva. As Officer Gliva was unavailable, this item was not presented.

NIBRS First Quarter Report. Staff reviewed the quarterly report, providing clarification as necessary. Of note, is that the national clearance rate on thefts/burglaries is 24-26%; in Estes Park the average is 50-38%. Communications will provide Committee members with a list of offenses included in the Report’s “status offenses” category.

Miscellaneous. (1) Chairman Newsom directed staff to investigate the possibility of scheduling a Drug Task Force Speaker concerning “meth labs” – the speaker recently attended a Board of Realtors Meeting. (2) Staff confirmed that attention is given to the area’s vacant summer homes relative to break-ins, and the Dept. is currently gathering a list of such homes and they will soon receive daily Police drive-bys.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

No action items.

Reports.

Larimer County Fire Ban. Chief Dorman reported that the Sheriffs’ Dept. recently issued a fire ban. The Dept. has completed their review and found that, with the exception of personal portable grills, the ban is in compliance with the Municipal Code. At this time, the ban is not needed inside Town Limits and the Chief will re-evaluate as conditions arise.

Safety and Fire Protection Trailer Grant. A letter from Representative Musgrave was read aloud. The letter congratulated the Dept. on receiving the Dept. of Homeland Security’s Assistance to Firefighters Grant. A Safety and Fire Protection Fifth-Wheel Trailer will be purchased and utilized as safety and fire protection education for groups in the community. Trustee Pinkham offered the assistance of Sue Pinkham in writing the educational program. A trailer storage site has not yet been confirmed.

There being no further business, Chairman Newsom adjourned the meeting at 8:42 a.m.