

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Town of Estes Park, Larimer County, Colorado, September 23, 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 23rd day of September, 2004.

Committee: Chairman Newsom, Trustees Doylen and Pinkham
Attending: Trustee Pinkham
Also Attending: Assistant Town Administrator Repola, Police Chief Richardson, Fire Chief Dorman, Clerk O'Connor
Absent: Chairman Newsom, Trustee Doylen

Trustee Pinkham called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Video Camera System & First Responder Kits – Request Approval to Expend Grant Funds. Commander Kufeld provided background information on the Homeland Security No-Match Grant Project and gave a PowerPoint program that will facilitate the purchase of several closed security television cameras to monitor critical infrastructures for Town and Federal agencies (Muni. Bldg. (4), Fire Dept. (2), Estes Park Power Plant & Olympus Dam, and Water Treatment Plant (4)). Monitoring will be 24-7. Team members are recommending Digitron as the vendor who was selected through a competitive process, and the cost is \$69,700 for the CCTV system, \$4,600 for wiring and connectivity, and \$13,760 for W.M.D. First Responder Kits and Night Vision Equipment for Police Officers. The total grant expenditure is \$88,060. The Police Dept. applied for the grant in 2003, however, funding was actually received in 2004. The camera recording is digital and contains a 14-day memory that will re-write itself thus eliminating the need to change tapes. Digitron included a 1-yr. parts/labor warranty and 1-hr. response by phone and 8-hr. on-site call in the proposal. Project completion is estimated within 90 days from the approval date for disbursement of funds. Following a question/answer period, **the Committee recommends approval of the expenditure of \$88,060 in Homeland Security Grant Funds for the video camera system and First Responder Kits.**

Elkhorn Street Closure for Halloween Activities – Request Approval. The Dept. is again promoting the Downtown Halloween Program and youth safety and requesting closure of Elkhorn Ave. to vehicular traffic from Spruce Dr. to E. Riverside Dr. from 5:00 p.m. until approximately 9:00 p.m. on October 31st. **The Committee recommends approval of the street closure as described above.**

Committee Meeting Holiday Schedule – Request Cancellation. As the November and December committee meetings fall on Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays, **the Committee recommends the November 25th and December 23rd Public Safety Committee Meetings be cancelled.**

REPORTS:

- LETA Board Re-appointment. Chief Richardson reported he has been re-appointed to the Board to serve a second 2-yr. term,

expiring December 31, 2006.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Fawn Lane No Parking Zone, Amendment to the Model Traffic Code – Request Approval. Chief Dorman briefed the Committee on a 17-foot wide section of Fawn Lane that is creating a public safety access issue to the neighborhood. The road narrows from 19' to 17' with fences on both sides of the roadway and when a vehicle is parked on the street, access is significantly hindered. Additionally, a fire hydrant is located within this 17' section at the northeast edge of the cul-de-sac, resulting in further clearance issues. Fire apparatus requires approximately 12' of horizontal clearance, and a passenger vehicle requires 7-8' of horizontal clearance. The Public Works Dept. has been advised and, if approved, they would install the "No Parking" signs. **The Committee recommends amending the Model Traffic Code to establish a "No Parking" zone on the 17-foot wide section of Fawn Lane, from the south side of the driveway entrance for 820 Fawn Lane south, to the north edge of the cul-de-sac.**

REPORTS:

- Highway 34 Incident, September 7th. A tractor-trailer rollover incident occurred Sept. 7th on Hwy. 34, resulting in a 10-hr. closure of the highway and replacement of an electric primary power pole. There were no injuries nor fire.
- Two-day Air Bag Systems and Hybrid Vehicles for Rescuers Class. Two firefighters attended this class where valuable information was presented that will aid the Dept. in performing rescues while maintaining personal safety.
- Fire Safety Speech at the Senior Center, September 22nd. A Program was offered at the Sr. Center that included information on home fire safety, prevention of falls, wildland fires, and "precious cargo" (grandchildren) protection in vehicles.
- Fire Prevention Week. The Dept. will be presenting fire prevention programs in the school system in the near future.
- League of Women Voters Forum, October 4th. Chief Dorman will be representing the Fire District ballot question and all Fire Dist. Candidates will be attending as well.
- New Wildland Fire Truck and Decontamination Trailer. Following completion of all agenda items, the Committee received a demonstration of the fire truck and trailer.

There being no further business, Trustee Pinkham adjourned the meeting at 8:29 a.m.

Vickie O'Connor, CMC, Town Clerk