

**NASHVILLE TOWN COUNCIL
SAFETY BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2008**

ATTENDANCE – Council members present – President Roger Kelso, Vice-President Robert Kirlin, Councilmember Dale Cassiday, Councilmember Charles B. King and Councilmember Arthur Omberg. Also in attendance –Town Marshal Jack Dorsett, Chief Deputy Marshal Stephanie Loerzel, Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Debbie Ferry.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

1) **CALL TO ORDER** by President Kelso at 6:38pm

2) **DISCUSS POLICIES AND DIRECTIVES**

President Kelso explained that the Council would like to discuss current policies and directives of the Police Department. Councilmember Omberg noted that about a year and a half ago, they talked about a community involvement program and it has not really gone anywhere. This would be paid time, for such things as a coat drive, food drive, etc. The Council would like to know why this program has not been instituted.

Councilmember Omberg advised the Council would still like to see an increase in foot patrol (weather permitting), inventory of weapons and beginning and ending monthly mileage for each patrol vehicle. Councilmember Omberg asked if there was a way to get another officer on day shift on Sundays. There are currently three officers on duty on Monday and Friday day shifts. He also asked if there was a defined police hiring policy. Town Marshal Dorsett answered yes.

Councilmember Cassiday remarked that he is glad to see Officer Robinson out doing foot patrol on a regular basis.

Vice-President Kirlin asked for a copy of the SOP's. Councilmember Omberg noted that they were e-mailed to all Council members. Town Marshal Dorsett responded that he had his at the table. Vice-President Kirlin asked to look at the SOP to review some of the policies.

Town Marshal Dorsett noted that his entire department holds at least three department meetings per year.

Vice-President Kirlin asked, on behalf of the taxpayers, about officers gathering, sitting in their police cars talking. Vice-President Kirlin then asked why Town Marshal Dorsett has not attended the Emergency Management meetings and he replied that he has never been notified of meeting dates and times. Vice-President Kirlin noted that it is extremely important for the Town to be a part of these meetings.

Town Marshal Dorsett explained that he has brought up doing community work to his deputies and hasn't received a very good response from them. He reported that a lot of his employees have families and would like to spend time with their families. Council stated that the community projects would be done during their regular work shift. Chief Deputy Loerzel thought this would be a great way to give back to our community. Chief Deputy Loerzel offered to call an officer in Marion County that does Shop with a Cop program to get more information as well as other programs. Councilmember Omberg advised they could try to find the money in the budget, maybe put a savings bond together to give away.

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Councilmember Omberg revisited the hiring policy subject and noted he did not see it in the SOPs and would like to see something concrete. He would like to see criteria for hiring and would like for at least one member of Council to meet the new hires during the interview process.

Councilmember King noted if there are things in the SOPs that the officers do not feel are worth enforcing, particularly parking, they should get it off the books. President Kelso advised Council should discuss this separately. Town Marshal Dorsett noted his department is not writing as many tickets as in the past because more people are parking legally.

Discussion of the festival at the Red Barn and the liquor license requirements.

Vice-President Kirlin noted he gets a lot of phone calls from taxpayers about the police force and he doesn't know what to tell them nor does he want to call Town Marshal Dorsett every five minutes. He would like to see a better bang for the buck with this expensive police force. Town Marshal Dorsett asked that his office be called by those people with issues. Vice-President Kirlin explained that is not his point, he would like to see the police force do their job better.

President Kelso reminded Town Marshal Dorsett that the activities of his department are being seen at all times and reminded him of the need to see visible enforcement. Discussion. Councilmember Omberg suggested that if officers need to meet to discuss a case that they meet at Town Hall or at the Sheriff's Department.

Councilmember Omberg asked that next school year, more of an effort be made around 3pm to write tickets for kids that are smoking and have an officer as often as possible on foot patrol of the restroom area. He has heard that this area is called crack alley and drug deals are being made and if they know the police are in the area they will move. Town Marshal Dorsett noted they do keep them moving from point A to point B and then the kids come back again. Discussion.

Chief Deputy Loerzel commented that they are asked to move the kids from point A to point B, be at the restrooms on foot, the restaurant next to the school wants them in the gravel lot to keep things from going on there and let the buses out. It is difficult for the police force to be at all these places at once. Discussion of priorities. President Kelso suggested they have more regular conversations with the school and work out the priorities.

Town Marshal Dorsett has never witnessed a drug deal on Old School Way and those people that say they have seen drug deals are unwilling to come forward and make a statement. Officer Griggs used to hide in the restroom utility closet and caught a couple of boys vandalizing the restrooms. Officer Griggs has caught kids smoking and a couple of weeks before school was out, he caught a couple of kids smoking pot behind Long John Silvers.

Vice-President Kirlin suggested Town Marshal Dorsett present to the Council, a list of things that the school wants them to do, and he would be willing to go to the school board and offer to do some prioritizing.

President Kelso advised that by the next Council meeting, he would like to see some sort of action on how Town Marshal Dorsett will address the issues discussed at this meeting.

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President Kelso addressed the issue of out of town calls and commented not to deny back-up if it's a serious situation but otherwise they should stay within town limits due to the cost of gas.

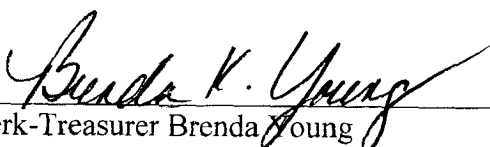
Council asked Town Marshal Dorsett what the Council could do to have a better police force. He responded painting the parking lines on Jefferson and Main streets would help. Council asked that Town Marshal Dorsett and Chief Deputy Loerzel get a list of things that need to be done.

Councilmember Omberg would like to get a copy of the Garrity Act.

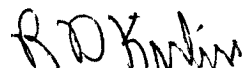
President Kelso asked for bullet type minutes from the monthly department meetings.


ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Kirlin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Omberg seconded the motion. President Kelso adjourned the meeting at 8:36pm.


Clerk-Treasurer Brenda Young


President Roger Kelso


Vice-President Robert Kirlin


Councilmember R. Dale Cassidy

Councilmember Charles B. King

Councilmember Arthur Omberg