



KNIGHTDALE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

May 5, 2008

The Knightdale Public Safety Committee met at 6:00 p.m. at the Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

Present: Councilors Jeff Eddins

Staff Members Present: Russell Killen, Mayor; Gary McConkey, Town Manager; Seth Lawless, Assistant Town Manager; Ricky Pope, Police Chief; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief

Discussion of the Separation Allowance Police for Police Officers

Don Ayscue discussed concerns regarding the current town resolution. His concern was that officers would not be able to continue working as a sworn officer after retirement without losing their separation allowance, and after cessation of benefits they would not be reinstated even if there was a change of circumstances.

Town Manager Gary McConkey stated that the purpose of the current resolution was to keep officers from needing employment after retirement.

Assistant Town Manager and Councilor Eddins agreed that there could be possible negotiations with the current resolution and agreed to discuss this matter further at the next Town Council Meeting.

Discussion of Public Safety advisory Committee.

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless suggested creating a citizen based group to assist officers with problem areas in neighborhoods. He would like to see more Community Watch Programs started in local neighborhoods.

Discussion of Preliminary Review and Staffing Analysis

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless discussed hiring officers based on crime statistics.

Mayor Russell Killen advised that there were other factors that needed to be taken into consideration including traffic stops and fire calls.

Councilor Eddins inquired as to whether the department was a Public Safety Department or a hybrid department. He suggested that instead of comparing statistics with other Police Departments, we needed to compare them with other Public Safety Departments.

Town Manager Gary McConkey stated that our department was definitely a hybrid department and would probably stay that way.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.


Assistant Manager or Admin. Asst.


Committee Chairman