

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JULY 22, 2002

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in regular session on Monday, July 22, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor JP Wiles, Council Members, Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, David Burdine, Clarence Floyd, Jerry Wheeldon, Mark Beasley, Robin Daughetee, and Charlie New, City Attorney Joe Travis and City Clerk David Godsey.

Mr. New moved the minutes of the last regular meeting held on June 08, 2002 and the reports be approved as delivered. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, David Burdine, Clarence Floyd, Jerry Wheeldon, Mark Beasley, Robin Daughetee, and Charlie New.

Second reading was given the following Ordinance:

### Ordinance Number 02-08

#### AN ORDINANCE INSTITUTING NO PARKING AT THE ENTRANCE TO ROCKY HOLLOW RECREATION CENTER.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

1. That there be no parking 50 feet to the North and 50 feet to the South of the entrance to Rocky Hollow Recreation Center on the West side of South Central Avenue.
2. That there be no parking within the entranceway of Rocky Hollow Recreation Center.
3. That these no parking areas be marked with yellow curbing and no parking signs.

FIRST READING: July 08, 2002

SECOND READING: July 22, 2002

Mr. Wheeldon moved the above Ordinance be adopted on its second reading. Mr. Daughtee seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, David Burdine, Clarence Floyd, Jerry Wheeldon, Mark Beasley, Robin Daughetee, and Charlie New.

First reading was given the following Ordinance:

### Ordinance Number 02-09

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 80-13, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ALTERING THE ZONING MAP, BY CHANGING A BOUNDARY OF LAND NOW ZONED R-2 TO B-2.

Mr. Wheeldon moved to approve the above Ordinance on its first reading. Mr. Beasley seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, David Burdine, Clarence Floyd, Jerry Wheeldon, Mark Beasley, Robin Daughetee, and Charlie New.

Retiring Somerset Police Chief Wesley presented plaques to officers: Lt. Allan Coomer for his work upgrading the department's computer software; Sgt Donald Stevens for his dedication to firearms training; Lt. Doug Nelson for leading the Criminal Investigations Divisions to solving the highest percentage of cases solved for three consecutive years; Major Larry Godby and Sgt. Randy Goff for six months of work on the department's reaccreditation process. Chief Wesley also presented a community service award to Somerset Mayor JP Wiles. Chief Wesley also presented a report of accomplishments the Police department has achieved since he has been appointed Police Chief in 1999. Mayor Wiles and Council Members expressed their appreciation for his service to the community, and stated he will be greatly missed. Mr. Daughtec moved to accept the Chiefs report as part of the official minutes. Mr. New seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Donna Hunley, John Minton, Earl Owens, Pat Bourne, Jerry Burnett, Peggy Dugger, David Burdine, Clarence Floyd, Jerry Wheeldon, Mark Beasley, Robin Daughtec, and Charlie New.



# Somerset Police Department

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Chief of Police

Command Staff

Assistant Chief  
Major Kerry Heddy

Criminal Investigations  
Lieutenant Nelson

Members  
with Stunts  
• Kettlebells  
• John F. Sommer

## Accomplishments We Have Made 1999 – 2002

- Ownership and pride restored to members of the police department through job enlargement, entitlement and constructive input.
- A New and more professional looking stripping package for police units.
- An officer friendly (working) Class B uniform.
- Re-wrote and revised the Somerset Police Departments Policy and Procedure manual.
- Obtained Re-Accreditation for the police department through the Kentucky Association of Chiefs of Police.
- Increased the Criminal Investigation Division to 5 detectives. Under the leadership of Lieutenant Nelson we have increased the clearance rate on cases from 55% to 81%.
- Increased the Emergency Response Team from 6 members to 8. Purchased additional training and equipment.
- Initiated an implemented police vehicle and equipment replacement plan where-by aging equipment can be replaced on a yearly basis.
- Initiated and implemented the purchase of in-car video recording systems for each new police vehicle purchased yearly.
- Implemented a scramble system for all police radios, which provides a level of security, and safety for officers.
- Applied for and received conformation for 3 new frequencies from the FCC. One emergency channel for countywide multi-agency use and two tactical channels for police department use.
- Implemented the School Resource Officer Program, where-by and officer works full time in the Somerset Independent School System. This has bridged the gap between the police and young people in our community.

- Purchased and implemented a computerized digital child identification system. Which allows for easy storage and retrieval of pictures and fingerprints. This system has even been used for Alzheimer's patients in our community.
- Continued with the department's crime prevention programs with specialized training for officers involved in crime prevention. Two officers have served on the Kentucky Crime Prevention Coalition, which has been recognized as one of the top five in the nation.
- Implemented a full time civilian property officer there-by releasing two sworn officers from this job task allowing them more time for street duty. The property office was renovated and policies modified to improve evidence and property handling. These changes led to the property office and policies being used as a model for agencies across the state seeking accreditation.
- The Somerset Police Department was the pilot agency for the State of Kentucky in regards to the new software and electronic version of ECRASH program. The ECRASH program is the new electronic reporting system for motor vehicle accidents. We were the first agency to go on line in 2000 for submitting reports by computer.
- Implemented a video capture system that allows detectives to capture images off video and store them for electronic display or to be printed. This technology along with other digital imaging gives the department the ability to produce wanted posters or missing person flyers in minutes.
- Implemented our own web page and email servers. Allowing more public access to the department, its officers and another outlet for information sharing.
- Initiated, developed and implemented our on firearms training facility complete with storage and a pavilion. We also have two officers certified as instructors who teach the FAIS System. This is a computer system that generates realistic situations. With our target systems and training capabilities we realize a more proficient officer who brings a higher level of competence and confidence when serving the public.
- We have standardized the off duty and backup weapon now carried by our police officers. It is the model 27 Glock.
- We realized from events around the United States that the police officer on the street is often outgunned. So we implemented a program of placing carbine rifles into our patrol vehicle. These rifles fire the same 40 caliber round as our duty weapon. This can allow the officer a more controllable and longer shot should the situation dictate.
- Recognized by the state as a leader in technology by our up to date computer systems and our computer software. All of the departments computers share information and criminal records and reports are easily stored and retrieved.
- We still continue with our community programs such as, Citizens Police Academy, Safe Night Out and this year a new program was implemented, which was called Somerset Police Organized Recreation and Training or S.P.O.R.T. Camp. All are very successful programs that form a mutual respect between participants and the police officer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR