

**August 13th, 2008**  
**Meeting Opened at 7:29 AM...**

**Board Members present:**

**Terry Lynch, Larry Rudy, Ray Perry, Milt Neumann, Carlos Landa, and Chuck Simpson.**

**Excused: Dick Behm - *Ivah under the weather so Dick very busy.***

**Guests:**

**Mike King, Bill Gothman, Diana Wilhite, Rich Munson, Mike Thompson, Mary Kate Martin, Carobelle Branch, Mike Phillips, plus several names I missed.**

**Speakers:**

**Sheriff Knezovich and SV Police Chief Rick Van Luven.**

**The main conversation was a report from Sheriff Knezovich advising the SVBA of the concerns and needs for policing the city of SV and the needs for the entire county with a new jail.**

**The discussion seemed to raise a concern with Mayor Munson in that the SVBA has been supportive of the Sheriff Department being the contract for the valley police. The SVBA raised their concern that there was the underlying possibility of creating a SV Police Department under the management of the City Manager, taking it away from the Sheriff's department. The Mayor took exception to this concern and said so.**

**President Lynch stated the reason for the SVBA supporting the contract with the Sheriff department was the professionalism demonstrated for many years and told a personal anecdote of value to his small business over 38 years and his efforts as Chair of the Public Safety Transition Committee, the study that was done and the concern to the citizens. President Lynch made a point to the Mayor that the number one job of the council was public safety and while a review was appropriate at contract time, the council needs to keep in mind this was a priority for all citizens.**

**The Mayor was defensive and asserted they would be doing a full and comprehensive evaluation of the police expense because it was 48% of budget. President Lynch acknowledged this was a duty of the council but again stated the number one duty of the council was public safety.**

**Chuck Simpson had a comment on poor response for building permits and Carlos Landa made a complimentary comment on how well the city did respond to a concern he made available at the last meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 AM.**