

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m., Chairman Lensing presiding.

Members present: Chairman Lensing, Swenson, Police Chief Rovinsky, Deputy Sheriff Nienaber,
Councilmember Vrklan, Councilmember Wills, Mayor Kreft

Members absent: Rose, Scharping, Kloeckl

Also present: Administrator Jaunich

The Committee reviewed the October Sheriff's Department report and August-September billing sheet. Chief Rovinsky reported that the Police Department had 59 calls for the month of October, bringing the year-to-date calls to 732. Rovinsky noted that the number of calls for both the month of October and the year are down considerably from last year.

Chief Rovinsky informed the Committee that the 1995, 1998 and 2001 squads were being taken in to be stripped of their equipment, including the striping and decals, once this was done all 3 vehicles could be sold. Discussion was held on whether to sell by auction (possibly the consignment auction in Green Isle) or by sealed bid. It was agreed that sealed bids would be best. It was noted that at a previous meeting the Police Committee had recommended to the Council which vehicles should be sold and the Council had taken action on said recommendation already.

It was the consensus of the Committee to change the date of the December meeting to the 17th (same time and location) in lieu of the Christmas Holiday on the 24th.

Lensing read a letter from Gregory Borchert dated November 20th pertaining to some recent memos from the City Attorney and City Administrator regarding comments about drug houses that were made during a Council meeting. The tone of the letter expressed dissatisfaction with the lack of police follow through from the local department.

It was the consensus of the Committee that the minutes from the October 22, 2007 meeting stood approved as presented.

Lensing questioned if the schedule has been re-arranged between the Police Department and Sheriff's Department so that the hours are mixed up a bit (not so repetitious). It was noted that the schedule had not been changed. Vrklan commented that the patrolling around the school has been wonderful and is very much appreciated. Chief Rovinsky commented briefly on how the phone service has been working out. He stated that there are a lot of hang ups on the machine, but there are usually 2-3 calls a day that need attention that haven't been handled by the Sheriff's Department.

Wills asked Chief Rovinsky to check on the junk vehicles in the alley of the 400 Block of West Baker Street.

Vrklan questioned how the new squad was working out. Chief Rovinsky commented that they are happy with its performance so far.

Motion by Wills, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Bill Lensing

Secretary Vicki L. Pomplun