

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 27, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Wills.

Members present: Rose, Swenson, Wills, Councilmember Reetz, Councilmember Vrklan, Police Chief Rovinsky

Members absent: Ehlke, Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Swenson, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2009 meeting as presented.

It was noted that the Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber was unable to attend the meeting and no report had been received.

Chief Rovinsky presented the monthly Police Department report for March. He stated that the PD had responded to 59 calls for the month. It was noted that they have been busier now with the nicer weather. Rovinsky stated that nuisance property letters had gone out and they were about to start the follow up process on them. He added that officers have been instructed to continue to watch for problem properties when they are on patrol and report them to him so letters can go out right away. Rovinsky commented that they had applied for a federal cop's grant, which if they are awarded it; it would pay 100% of the salary and benefits (overtime not included) for an entry level officer for 3 years with the agreement that the City would pay the salary for the fourth year.

Brief discussion was held on the new owners of the bar f/k/a Neisen's and their security plan for their events.

Wills questioned if the truck route ordinance was being enforced. Chief Rovinsky said it was. Wills commented that a truck has been getting parked in a residential district in his neighborhood. Chief Rovinsky stated that they have addressed it when they see it and will continue to do so.

Discussion was held on various intersections around town that do not have any traffic control (stop/yield) signage. Rovinsky commented that he doesn't feel there is a great need at this time for signage in these areas as they tend to be low profile (no complaints or accidents have been reported). Adm. Jaunich will send a letter to the resident who expressed concern.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hold the next regular meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup> in lieu of the Memorial Day holiday on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on evaluating the need for an additional full-time officer and the overtime issues. It was noted that this was to be the topic for the next meeting agenda.

Swenson questioned if the City ever acknowledges residents for good deeds. Chief Rovinsky stated that they have done a few formal presentations and many informal ones (thank you's from the police department). Various suggestions were made on how to acknowledge residents (use positive reinforcement).

Motion by Vrklan, and seconded by Swenson, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 p.m.

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Vice Chairperson Galen Wills

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Secretary Vicki Pomplun