

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES                      FEBRUARY 23, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by City Administrator Jaunich.

Members present: Ehlke, Rose, Swenson, Wills, Councilmember Reetz, Councilmember Vrklan, Police Chief Rovinsky, Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 24<sup>th</sup> and January 26<sup>th</sup> meetings as presented.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber presented the monthly Sheriff's Department report for January. It was noted that the hours of school patrol were about the same as always, the hours of regular patrol was down due to the department being short staffed and they handled 5 calls.

Election of Officers (Chairperson and Vice Chairperson) were held.

Motion by Vrklan, seconded by Reetz, and carried (Ehlke abstained) to elect Bill Ehlke Chairperson for the Police Committee.

Motion by Reetz, seconded Ehlke, and carried (Wills abstained) to elect Galen Wills Vice Chairperson for the Police Committee.

Adm. Jaunich noted that there is still an open seat on the Committee.

Chief Rovinsky presented the monthly Police Department report for January. He stated that the PD had responded to 62 calls for the month. He stated that along with the Sheriff's Department, they too are short staffed due to injury, etc.

Lengthy discussion was held on the discrepancy between the Employee Handbook and the Police Committee Ordinance regarding the hiring of officers and who should be involved in the hiring process. It was suggested to have 1-2 members of the Police Committee involved in the hiring process (for both the Chief of Police and officers for the department), along with the City Administrator and Employee Relations Committee. It was agreed that Ordinance No. 233 needs to be revised and then merged with the Arlington Personnel Policy Handbook for uniformity reasons. Adm. Jaunich will work on revising the ordinance and bring to the Committee for approval.

Discussion was held on what the actual hiring steps/process should be. The Committee reviewed what has been done in the past and made suggested changes for future hiring's.

Brief discussion was held on the Dance Permits being approved and the need for a security plan to be reviewed by the Police Chief.

Chief Rovinsky spoke on the new protocol regarding how Sibley County Dispatch is to handle calls when dispatching the Police, Ambulance Service and First Responders/Fire Department.

Motion by Reetz, and seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 1:52 p.m.

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Chairperson William Ehlke

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Secretary Vicki Pomplun