

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2008

It was noted that the Police Committee toured the Police Department prior to calling the meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m., Chairman Lensing presiding.

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

Members absent: None

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

It was noted that the minutes from the January 28, 2008 meeting stood approved as presented.

Deputy Nienaber presented the December Sheriff's Department Report. He stated that other than patrol, the department responded to 5 calls.

Chief Rovinsky presented his monthly report. He stated that the PD had responded to 58 calls for the month. He informed the Committee that the PD is attempting to handle an ongoing dispute between 2 residents in an apartment building, along with a barking dog problem on the 300 Block of East Brooks Street.

The Committee reviewed in detail Ordinance 202 – An Ordinance to Create a Police Committee for the City of Arlington and to Set Operating Rules for said Committee.

Chief Rovinsky commented that he would like to add another individual to the list of possible part-time police officers he currently uses. He explained that the individual is currently a full-time jailer with the Sibley County Sheriff's Department and has passed his part-time test. Rovinsky informed the Committee that part-time Officer Padilla will be unavailable for a portion of the summer and is a valuable resource for the department. Rovinsky also informed the Committee that after August 2008 the POST Board will no longer be issuing part-time licenses and will be phasing out (eliminating) existing ones at some point in the future. He will provide more information on the proposed part-time officer at the next regular meeting.

Brief discussion was held on the Conceal & Carry (handgun) law.

Adm. Jaunich stated that the Council did approve the recommendation from the Police Committee to contract with the Sheriff's Department for an additional 20 hours of (daytime) patrol coverage. Deputy Nienaber stated that it was going to take a little time (1-2 months) to get the schedule worked out.

Items for the next meeting agenda were discussed. It was suggested to review the pet ordinance. Chief Rovinsky commented that in April he would like to review the nuisance ordinance (junk yards) in conjunction with the "Spring Cleanup" program the City does every year.

It was noted that the next regular meeting would be March 24, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Tech Center.

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

Chairman Bill Lensing

Secretary Vicki L. Pomplun