

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 28, 2008

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

Members present: Kloeckl, Chairman Lensing, Rose, Scharping, Swenson, Councilmember Vrklan, Councilmember Wills, Mayor Kreft (arrived late), Police Chief Rovinsky, Deputy Sheriff Nienaber
Members absent: None
Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

It was noted that the minutes from the December 17, 2007 meeting stood approved as presented.

Deputy Nienaber presented the December Sheriff's Department Report and provided a summary of calls for the year. He commented that he believed everything worked out well as far as the Contract between the City and Sheriff's Department. He also commented that he (personally) has not received any complaints.

Chief Rovinsky presented his monthly report and a summary of calls for the year. He commented that the number of calls overall had maintained from previous years. He stated that he has been monitoring specific calls such as vandalisms or burglaries (and a few others) to see if the number of calls have increased or not since the start of contracting for law enforcement services with the Sheriff's Department (reduced patrol coverage as a whole) and noted that he really hasn't seen a big difference. Rovinsky commented that he too believes the Contract was working for the most part and had not (personally) received any complaints.

Chief Rovinsky reviewed the work schedule. He commented that he had been working with Mayor Kreft about changing around the hours that the Arlington PD and Sheriff's Department each provide coverage and presented a new proposed schedule, which included some day coverage each week for the PD and varied start times (2 pm, 3pm, 4 pm). Nienaber expressed concern about the revised schedule both as a citizen and a member of the Sheriff's Department. He explained that the Sheriff's Department has a reduced number of deputies on duty during the evenings and response time would become a big issue. Members expressed concern about the hours of coverage with the proposed schedule (no coverage after 7 pm or 11 pm some week nights). Adm. Jaunich stated that the idea behind the proposed schedule was to change up when officers are on duty (different start/end times) so the general public is unaware of the schedule (when officers are on/off duty). It was suggested to contract for more patrol hours (20 hours per month) with the Sheriff's Department.

Motion by Kloeckl, seconded by Scharping, and passed by unanimous vote to recommend to the City Council to contract with the Sheriff's Department for an additional 20 hours per month of random patrol (day) coverage above the current services they are providing and not to overlap with the Arlington PD coverage.

Some discussion was held on possible agenda items for future meetings, the intent being to have more purposeful/productive meetings and be able to provide useful subject matter to the PD for improving their policing abilities. A few suggestions were:

- 1) Review the Ordinance establishing the Police Committee;
- 2) Tour the Police Department/Squads;
- 3) Review pet ordinance;
- 4) Review equipment needs.

The Committee reviewed Ordinance No. 177, regulating parking and snow removal. It was noted that under parking regulations boats, RV's/campers and dumpsters were not addressed within the ordinance. The

Committee also reviewed the Procedure for Parking Tickets and Towing of Vehicles for City Maintenance (policy). There was considerable (good) discussion.

The Committee reviewed a memo from Attorney Arneson regarding police service charges. It was the consensus of the Committee to table the discussion until the next regular meeting.

Motion by Swenson, seconded by Vrklan, and passed by unanimous vote to re-elect Bill Lensing as Chairman and Mike Scharping as Vice Chairperson of the Police Committee.

It was noted that the next regular meeting would be February 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Police Station.

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

Chairman Bill Lensing

Secretary Vicki L. Pomplun