

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
MAY 18, 2009

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

Members present: Chairman Ehlke, Rose, Swenson, Wills, Councilmember Reetz, Councilmember Vrklan, Police Chief Rovinsky, Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber  
Members absent: Mayor Kreft  
Also present: City Administrator Jaunich

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 27, 2009 meeting as presented.

Chief Deputy Sheriff Nienaber presented the monthly Sheriff's Department report for April. It was noted that they did 7 hours of school patrol, 16.25 hours of regular patrol and handled 11 calls (approximately 11 hours).

Chief Rovinsky presented the monthly Police Department report for April. He stated that the PD had responded to 90 calls for the month. He noted that the number of calls were up and contributed that to the nicer weather as people are out more, however they numbers are very similar to a year ago.

Adm. Jaunich informed the Committee that a resident had contacted the City requesting that a stop sign be placed along Freedom Drive (aka County Road 66). He stated that he had talked with Darin Mielke at the County about said request, and was told that this was a County road and the County would have to approve it. However, they do not feel there is a need for such a request at this time. It was also noted that it is a State and Federal law that you cannot use stops signs for traffic control. Chief Rovinsky commented that the PD has not observed many issues in the area in question.

Discussion was held on full-time officer hours and overtime. Adm. Jaunich stated that the City currently pays for 4 hours of "scheduled" overtime per full-time officer per pay period. Chief Rovinsky stated that surrounding communities operate the same way. Nienaber stated that the Sheriff's Department works 84 hours in a 2-week pay period, but it is not considered (paid as) overtime. Considerable discussion was held. Lengthy discussion was also held on the addition of a third full-time officer, part-time officers and/or having 24/7 police coverage, and reducing the coverage from the Sheriff's Department. Adm. Jaunich and Chief Rovinsky will continue to work together on defining the numbers/information.

Nienaber stated that the Sheriff's Department has not raised their rates since entering into the Service Agreement with the City. It was noted that the rates would be increasing from \$40 to approximately \$45.

Chief Rovinsky commented that the new owners of the Dugout (formerly Neisen's Bar) have taken a proactive stance against past nuisance/policing issues.

Vrklan commented that he would like to see the PD patrol County Road 9 more on Saturdays after the races let out due to noise and speed issues. Chief Rovinsky will pass the information onto all of his officers. It was noted that since the ordinance was put into effect, the races tend to end on time.

Chief Rovinsky stated that residents are complying with the clean up letters that were sent out.

Wills commented on an issue with truck parking on city streets and the need for officers to enforce the ordinance prohibiting same.

Brief discussion was held on the new street lights.

Swenson questioned if there was any gang activity within the city. Chief Rovinsky stated that during the summer months there are 7 Hispanic gangs that they are aware of and explained how they handle specific events.

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

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Chairperson William Ehlke

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Secretary Vicki Pomplun