

ARLINGTON POLICE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 26, 2009

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

Members present: Chairperson Ehlke, Allison, Swenson, Wills, Councilmember Reetz, Councilmember Vrklan, Police Chief Rovinsky

Members absent: Mayor Kreft, Rose, Chief Deputy Nienaber &/or Sheriff Ponath

Also present: City Administrator Jaunich, Kurt Menk

Motion by Reetz, seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 28, 2009 meeting as presented.

It was noted that there wasn't a report from the Sheriff's Department.

Chief Rovinsky presented the September Police Department report. He stated that the PD had responded to 105 calls for the month. He commented on the number of property damage calls and noted that 3 juveniles had been arrested regarding the vandalism calls the previous month. Rovinsky commented that they will be enforcing curfew on Halloween.

Adm. Jaunich stated that 78 applications had been received for the two part-time police officer positions. It was noted that Adm. Jaunich and Chief Rovinsky has gone through them and narrowed the number down to 12, which 9 will be scheduled for interviews. The interview committee will consist of Councilmember Reetz, Police Committee Member Swenson, Chief Rovinsky and Adm. Jaunich.

Discussion was held on various parking issues and Ordinance 216 was reviewed with regards to parking on public streets and the interference with street maintenance/seal coating, snow plowing and/or sweeping. It was suggested to have the Street Dept. work with the Police Department about posting certain areas for street sweeping as they do for snow removal. Considerable discussion was held.

Some discussion was held on what can be done about repeat ordinance violators. An email from Attorney Arneson was reviewed. Chief Rovinsky commented that more citations will be getting issued.

Chief Rovinsky commented that Paul Stelter had been nominated/awarded EMS Worker of the Year and his family has asked that he (Rovinsky) accept on his behalf. The award ceremony in being held on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Brooklyn Park.

Arlington Enterprise Editor Kurt Menk requested that a procedural change be made with regards to how the County handles news releases related to Arlington calls. He stated that the County currently releases their information to all the papers at the same time. He feels that the information should go through Chief Rovinsky first and then the local paper should have the first opportunity to publish Arlington related information before the various other papers do. It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting when a member from the Sheriff's Department could be present to provide input.

Motion by Vrklan, and seconded by Wills, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 1:32 pm.

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Chairperson Bill Ehlke

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Secretary Vicki Pomplun