

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Grimes City Hall
101 NE Harvey St, Grimes, Iowa 50111

Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2020

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

Roll Call – Present unless noted:

Chair Michael Grove, Kathy Leinenkugel, Renita Darrah
Polk County Sheriff's Office: Senior Deputy Steve Ballenger, Lt. Jeff Rullman
Fire Department: Chief Jim Clark
Council Liaison: Ryan Burger – absent
City of Grimes personnel: Dave Guthrie, Jake Anderson

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made by Darrah and seconded by Clark to approve the agenda. Motion passes.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Darrah and seconded by Grove to approve the minutes for the November meeting. Motion passes.

Discussion Items:

Fire Department Report:

Chief Clark provided a report for November calls - attached.

Sheriff's Report:

Deputy Ballenger reported on the number of calls and contacts made in November - attached.

PCSO has been working with construction companies and recommends logging serial numbers of appliances to assist tracing and prosecution of stolen property from worksites. Lt. Rullman stated that non-felony crime can be very hard to solve.

Polk County Sheriff's Office Senior Deputy Ballenger is retiring this month after working in Grimes for 12 years and participating with the Public Health & Safety Advisory Board for the past 10 years. The Board members expressed their appreciation for all of his work with the Board and for his dedication to the community.

PCSO Lt. Jeff Rullman will join the PHSAB.

Radar Trailer future placement

Dave Guthrie reported that the City now has a second radar unit that is portable and can be mounted on a pole rather than requiring a trailer. The Board reviewed possible areas of interest for placement of the radar units, including Beaverbrooke Blvd, Hwy 44 eastbound and SE 37th St between Hwy 141 and S James St. Future placement will be coordinated or reviewed by the Board as needed.



January 2019 photo from PCSO Facebook

Discussion of Issues still open from 2020

Chair Grove reviewed a list of some of the issues that had been discussed during the past year to determine current status:

- Signage inventory across the City: person to be hired/assigned
- Signage at Walmart parking lot to limit parking greater than 24 hours: still pending final decision by Walmart to move forward. This is needed if businesses want PCSO to enforce/remove vehicles within a timely manner.
 - The City ordinance needs to be redone to clarify the definition of “motor truck”
- Lighting along NW 27th: done
- PPE needs of FD, City personnel: adequately addressed
- NE Heritage stop sign request: follow up
- SE Little Beaver parking issues: resolved
- Street lights on Little Beaver north of Hwy 44: pending Mid-American
- Sidewalk inventory: pending
- Glenstone Dr speeding complaints: monitored multiple times
- ADA Ramps: pending

Old Business: none

New Business:

Councilman Burger was unable to attend the meeting due to a possible COVID-19 exposure/illness. City Administrator Jake Anderson provided an update of various projects and a review of issues currently in front of the City Council. This was very helpful to Board members.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 7, 2021

Submitted by Kathy Leinenkugel, Board Secretary

The reports submitted by the Fire Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office for November 2020 are included below.



JOHNSTON-GRIMES METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

6373 MERLE HAY RD.
JOHNSTON, IOWA 50131

November 2020 service calls

284 calls across all districts

Total calls Up from 245 total in October

Station 37 – 81 calls

Station 38 – Grimes district – 36 Johnston district – 63

Station 39 – 97 calls

Mutual Aid Given – 7 calls Ankeny – 1 Dallas Center – 1 Granger – 1 Polk City – 1 Saylor Township – 4
Urbandale - 1

Mutual Aid Received – 12 agency responses

EMS calls (229) – 80.63% Fire/other calls (55) – 19.37%

11 in Category 1, 4 Building Fire, 3 vehicle fires, 4 other types of fires like rubbish.

2 in Category 2 Excessive Heat, no ignition

4 in Category 4 Hazardous Condition which is gas leaks, chemical spills, power lines down.

11 Service Calls which is Category 5, 4 of these were EMS

15 in Category 6 Good Intent - 9 were EMS Calls

25 False Alarms- which is Category 7

2 in Category 9 – Special Incident Type- 1 citizen complaint

Major incidents to report in JGMFD districts or involving JGMFD Units

On 11/1 Ladder 395 responded to residential fire in Ankeny.

On 11/2 Engine 371 and Car 370 assisted Dallas Center with residential fire.

On 11/5 Responded to garage fire in Polk City but were released before completing any assignment on scene.

On 11/24 Responded to apartment fire in Johnston. Small fire in electrical switch box for furnace in the laundry room. Police Officer mostly extinguished fire with Fire Extinguisher.

Items of interest:

Call volume ahead of last year. This will put us over 3,000 if we continue this same pace.

We have had staff members contract COVID-19. We were down two members on two different shifts but all are back to work now.

Polk County Sheriff's Office submitted report for November, 2020



Grimes - Calls For Service Counts

Year	Month	Naturecode	CPs
2020	Nov	ABAND	9
		ACCIDENT	19
		ANIMAL	12
		ASSAULT	1
		ASSIST	89
		AUDIBLE	15
		BROADCAST	5
		BUILDING	66
		BURGL	14
		CHINA	3
		COMMFI	5
		DEBRIS	4
		DISPUTE	7
		DITCH	1
		DOMESTIC	11
		DPQ	17
		FIGHT	1
		FOLLOW	16
		FOUND	4
		FRAUD	5
		HARASS	7
		HAZMAT	1
		HITRUN	3
		INCOMP	3
		INDECENT	1
		INFO	7
		INTOX	2
		INVESTG	3
		KEYS	20
		LMV	2
		MENTAL	3
		MESSAGE	1
		MISC	1
		MISSING	4
		NARC	6
		OPEN	9
		PARK	7

2020	Nov	PROWL	2
		PUBLIC	12
		RADAR	48
		RECKLESS	15
		RESOFR	5
		RUNAWAY	1
		SEX	1
		SHOPLIFT	7
		SHOTS	1
		STALLED	15
		STILL	5
		SUICIDE	2
		SUSP	65
		THEFT	20
		THREAT	3
		TRAFFIC	102
		TRESPASS	1
		UNK	1
		VANDAL	2
		WANTED	2
		WATCH	92
		WELFARE	9
		Month Total	795
	Year Total		795

PCSO deputies responded to 693 calls/trips in the month of November. They conducted 102 traffic stops for a total of 795 contacts for the month. Reportable accidents were down (19) for the month. No issues were reported from the increased traffic and visitor activity for Black Friday sales events at Walmart and Menards. I am aware of only one shoplifting case from that event and deputies were assigned in off-duty roles at Walmart over several sales event weekends.

Major Events: Deputies took numerous vehicle burglary and construction site theft reports in November. One of our detectives has identified and charged four juveniles with several more identified and facing charges very soon. Deputies assigned to the U.S. Marshal's Office have identified two suspects associated with the construction site thefts.

Deputy Steve Ballenger, #134
PCSO Grimes 2nd Watch Patrol