

# PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

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

## Meeting Minutes of 11/4/2021

Call to Order: 5:30 pm

### Roll Call – Present unless noted:

Chair Michael Grove, Kathy Leinenkugel, Renita Darrah  
Polk County Sheriff's Office: Lt. Jeff Rullman - absent  
Fire Department: Chief Jim Clark  
Council Liaison: Ryan Burger - absent  
City of Grimes personnel: Keith Hensley and Dave Guthrie, Public Works  
Guest: citizen living in NE Grimes newer development area

**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 Clark and seconded by Grove to approve the minutes for the October meeting. Motion passes.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### Fire Department Report

Chief Clark provided a report for October calls – attached. Total calls in October were slightly increased from September with 341 calls.

### Sheriff's Report

Lt. Jeff Rullman was absent but provided a report of the October calls by email – attached.

### Update of complaint regarding pedestrian crosswalk improvements.

The pedestrian crosswalk improvements for the trail crossing on North James Street between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> streets now includes signage with flashing lights.

The Board revisited crosswalk protection for the trail running parallel to Little Beaver St that crosses Hwy 44 near the Kum & Go. There is a protected crossing at Gateway Dr, but there is no sidewalk on the south side of E 1<sup>st</sup> St/Hwy 44, which limits the usefulness for those wishing to continue south on the trail. Approval by the Iowa DOT to allow the addition of crosswalk protection at Little Beaver is not anticipated.



### **Additional discussion regarding wastewater discharge.**

Kevin Hensley provided additional information to the Board regarding the recent discharge issues from the Grimes wastewater treatment plant. The plant is in compliance at this time and some additional steps are planned. Hook up to the Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) is anticipated to occur in two years, with digging to start in the spring of 2022. While there continues to be comments on social media, there have been very few calls to the City.

### **Continued vandalism at the sports complex.**

Vandalism occurred again at the north sports complex. While identification of those involved is ongoing, most have been identified and are not the same adolescents identified in the prior vandalism. The bathrooms are closed for the season.

### **Radar trailer sign usage update**

Two data reports from the speed signs located on NW 8<sup>th</sup> St and NE Park Dr were briefly reviewed. There still appears to be an issue with the software or hardware that is causing sporadic reports of maximum speeds of 158 mph. One of the radar speed monitoring signs has been moved to NE Heritage Dr from NE Park Dr.

A Grimes citizen attended the meeting and spoke about speeding issues on NE Heritage Dr and concerns for the safety of children playing in small front yards. The guest said speeding is occurring not only by construction traffic but also by people living in the area. Speeding and safety concerns have been raised in the past and has been previously reported by a number of the residents. Concerns regarding other suspicious activities were also described and have been reported to the Polk County Sheriff's Office (PCSO). Chair Grove will bring the concerns voiced to Lt. Jeff Rullman for follow up by the PCSO.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 pm

**Next Meeting – December 2, 2021**

Submitted by Kathy Leinenkugel, Board Secretary

The reports submitted by the Fire Department and Polk County Sheriff's Office for October 2021 are included below.

Johnston-Grimes Metropolitan Fire Department submitted report



## JOHNSTON-GRIMES METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

6373 MERLE HAY RD.  
JOHNSTON, IOWA 50131

### October 2021 service calls

341 calls across all districts

Total calls **slightly increased** from September's total (335).

Station 37 – 101 calls

Station 38 – Grimes district – 27      Johnston district – 76

Station 39 – 120 calls      New NW Area - 1

Mutual Aid Given– 16 calls    Ankeny – 1    Granger – 6    Polk City – 0    Saylor – 7    Urbandale – 1    WDM - 1  
Mutual Aid Received – 27 agency responses

EMS calls (266) – 78.01%      Fire/other calls (75) – 21.99%

8 in Category 1 - 4 Building fire, 3 cooking fire, 1 trash/refuse fire.

5 in Category 2 - Excessive Heat, no ignition

246 in Category 3 – Rescue/EMS

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

13 Service Calls in Category 5 – 1 smoke removal, 4 police assists, 5 assist invalid, 3 unauthorized burning.

21 Good Intent Calls in Category 6

38 False Alarms in Category 7

#### Major incidents to report in JGMFD districts or involving JGMFD Units

Mutual Aid structure fire in Granger. JGMFD employee's house. Personnel OK – House a complete loss.

#### Items of interest:

Successful Fire Prevention Week activities

Successful Trunk or Treat event with community businesses

Acquired 3 structures for live fire training in Johnston

Polk County Sheriff's Office submitted report



## Grimes - Calls For Service Counts

Year	Month	Naturecode	CFS
2021	Oct	ABAND	4
		ACCIDENT	23
		ANIMAL	20
		ASSAULT	2
		ASSIST	97
		ATL	2
		AUDIBLE	19
		BAR	2
		BROADCAS	5
		BUILDING	158
		BURG	4
		BUSVIOL	4
		CHINA	2
		COMMFIRE	11
		DEBRIS	11
		DISPUTE	39
		DOMESTIC	13
		DPQ	13
		FIGHT	1
		FOLLOW	29
		FOUND	3
		FRAUD	5
		HARASS	4
		HAZMAT	1
		HITRUN	10
		INCOMP	6
		INDECENT	1
		INFO	6
		INVESTIG	6
		KEYS	19
		LMV	1
		MENTAL	4
		MESSAGE	7
MISC	1		
MISSING	4		
NARC	6		
OPEN	2		

2021	Oct	OWI	2
		PARK	8
		PROWL	1
		PUBLIC	24
		PW	2
		RADAR	108
		RECKLESS	13
		RESDFIRE	3
		RUNAWAY	1
		SEX	1
		SHOPLIFT	4
		SHOTS	1
		SIGNALS	3
		STALLED	15
		SUICIDE	4
		SUSP	57
		THEFT	20
		THREAT	3
		TRAFFIC	177
		TRESPASS	3
VANDAL	6		
WANTED	1		
WATCH	43		
WELFARE	11		
<b>Month Total</b>		<b>1,056</b>	
<b>Year Total</b>		<b>1,056</b>	