

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Grimes City Hall – Front Conference Room
101 NE Harvey St. Grimes, Iowa 50111

Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2016

The regular meeting of the Grimes Public Health and Safety Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Grove at 5:33 pm on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call – Present: Grove, Leinenkugel, Ballenger

Council Liaison: Hamp

Meeting Visitor: Jill Altringer

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

Approval of minutes: Deputy Ballenger asked for a slight rewording of his remarks. Motion was made by Leinenkugel and seconded by Grove to approve the minutes as edited for the March 3, 2016 meeting. Motion passes.

Discussion Items:

Fire Chief's Report: none

Sheriff's Report –

Commercial construction projects continue, with some at the stage where theft of supplies and equipment is more likely to occur, so patrols are being vigilant. Both commercial and residential construction is ramping up indicating another busy season.

The speed trailer will be deployed at various sites in the next months as traffic and pedestrian patterns change with the spring and summer months. Traffic crash numbers are down. Traffic has been heavy on South James St. earlier in the morning than previously seen, possibly due to traffic flow changes related to multiple detours in the greater Grimes area.

Deputies have been coordinating with City staff for the planning of Governors' Days staffing.

Follow up discussion of proposed changes to speed limits –

Chair Grove thanked Councilman Hamp for his work in addressing various speed limit issues brought before the Grimes City Council. The speed limit on Brookside Drive was decreased to 25 mph (corrected from 35 mph) and new signage was put up April 5. The recommendation to lower the speed for NW 107th St. was approved and referred to Johnston, which shares jurisdiction with Grimes for the road. At this time, Johnston city staff have been instructed by their city council to survey the residents on the east side of the street for their opinions regarding lowering the speed to 35 mph. However, because of road work closures expected in the next week, the issue may not be resolved until later in the year.

Report back to board regarding use of city web site or Face Book page to hear citizen complaints –

Chair Grove talked to City Administrative Coordinator Jeff Macke about the possibility of having an online reporting option for Grimes residents to use to make reports to the Public Health & Safety Board.

Macke is already looking into it for use by City staff and other boards as well. Johnston is using an app (<http://www.cityofjohnston.com/requesttracker.aspx>) that allows people to report common problems or make a comment. Something similar could also be used for requesting an inspection from City inspectors during a project. The Board will work with City staff as needed to explore options.

Parking violation issues –

Complaints have been made to City Hall regarding a perceived lack of tickets being issued for repeat parking violations, particularly on cul-de-sac streets. Deputy Ballenger stated that it is very difficult to follow up on anonymous complaints and that the goal of the Sheriff's office has been to change behavior rather than incur fines. Discussion occurred among the Board members and Deputy Ballenger to gain a better understanding of the Chapter 69 Parking Regulations of the Grimes Code of Ordinances process. If complaints persist, the Board will review the issue again.

Chapter 69 link: <http://www.grimesiowa.gov/Portals/0/pages/ordinances/Chapters/chapter069%20-%20Parking%20Regulations.pdf>.

Old Business:

Discussion of the parking restriction recommendations made in January 2016 and October 2015

No additional action at this time.

New Business: none

Next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2016

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Submitted by Kathy Leinenkugel, Board Secretary
5/2/16