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Minutes
Public Safety and Health Advisory Board Meeting
March 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Grove at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Grove, Ballenger, Hopson, Krohse, Piphon, Councilman Shatava. Visiting was Mr. Bruce Schmiedlin.

Approval of Agenda: Motion, Krohse, 2nd Grove

Approval of Minutes: Motion, Hopson, 2nd Ballenger

Chief Krohse reported on the fire in the community center on Wednesday night, Feb 29th. It appeared to have started on a desk containing some electronics, a candle, plastic discs & various paper products. No cause has been determined yet, but there was evidence of extreme heat levels. The center will likely need chemical cleaning and ceiling tiles replaced, among other things.

The FCC has ruled that radios used to activate storm/disaster sirens must go to a narrow band system. Sirens need to be converted from broad band and Grimes sirens are older and will need modifications.

He will be hiring 6 firemen at the new fire station in Johnston (see Jan minutes) in order to have at least 2 on duty 24/7. The target date is by the close of 2012.

Deputy Ballenger reported on some drug (meth) busts last month, one of which contained an amount in terms of pounds and another in ounces.

He met with Sgt Rucker, PR officer, regarding fitting helmets and/or other activity during Fun-tastic Days. It was noted that Methodist Hospital usually assisted with activities, but has no funding this year. He will check with the Safe Kids program to see if there's support available.

He followed up with the DCG Drivers' Ed program regarding intervention with them. (see Feb minutes) He learned that the IA State Patrol does a yearly program, so the school will let us know if there's anything else we can do.

DCG High and Middle Schools are getting new security monitoring system installed and he met with them to discuss more complete coverage on the driveway out to Hwy 44.

He also reported that the city won on an appeal of a case involving a vicious dog suit, and that the city also

won the case of a resident involved in reckless driving, and several nuisance complaints by neighbors of an unruly and disturbing household. The deputies will maintain close surveillance on the situation.

He noted that the new Sky Zone Recreation business may need watching for dangerous activities resulting in injuries. There are a number of trampolines and dodge ball courts where several injuries have already occurred.

The Visitor (Bruce) asked about the progress on any action to establish a curfew in Grimes. He cited incidents of drug sales, knife carrying, late night activities, etc. He is in favor of having a curfew, not to overly police youth activities, but to give law enforcement a tool to curb unruly and illegal behavior. The city staff is drafting a proposal for the attorney's consideration. Discussion was presented at the last City Council meeting.

Hopson inquired about any further thoughts regarding storm warning systems and activities. Nothing further is planned, but we are encouraged to register our phone at the Polk County Emergency Management Office in order to receive a warning call when one is declared.

Chief Krohse informed us of the statewide tornado warning exercise on April 10, 10:00 a.m.

Pipho reported that the street lights on south Gateway are still not working. The city has talked with Mid American Energy, but no results yet. Grove will talk with the City Administrator about this.

The next meeting will be April 5th at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn, Krohse, 2nd Ballenger.