

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Grimes City Hall – council chambers
101 NE Harvey St. Grimes, Iowa 50111

Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Grimes Public Health and Safety Advisory Board was called to order by Chair Grove at 5:30 pm on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at the Grimes City Hall.

Roll Call – Present: Chair Michael Grove, Kathy Leinenkugel, 3rd member vacancy
Polk County Sheriff's Office: Lt. Todd Galetich present
Fire Department: Chief Jim Clark, absent; Deputy Chief Brynne Burrough present
Council Liaison: Ryan Burger present
City of Grimes Public Works: Dave Guthrie, Jake Anderson

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

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Grove and seconded by Burrough to approve the minutes for the January 2022 meeting. Motion passes.

Discussion Items:

Fire Department Report:

A report was submitted by Deputy Chief Burrough and is attached.

Sheriff's Report:

PCSO Lt. Todd Galetich briefed the board on the call numbers and pertinent issues. There are some ongoing investigations involving state and federal officials.

Looking forward, priorities include drivers speeding on Hwy 141 and running stoplights at Beaverbrooke Blvd and traffic concerns near Heritage Elementary.

Board discussion regarding establishing priorities for 2022.

City Administrator Jake Anderson will compile priorities he and the City staff have for 2022. He mentioned discussions regarding review of continuing the partnership with Johnston for fire and EMS services. He briefly reviewed recent water and waste management concerns and plans for 2022.

Chair Grove reviewed the purpose of the Board, which can be found in the Grimes Code of Ordinances, Chapter 26 (<https://www.grimesiowa.gov/Portals/0/pages/ordinances/Chapters/chapter026%20-%20Public%20Health%20and%20Safety%20Advisory%20Board.pdf>), which states:

- (A) Serve in an advisory capacity to the city council, regarding the growth and development of the public health and safety programs of the city.
- (B) Recommend to council programs, policies and ordinances that will benefit and promote the public health and safety needs of the community.
- (C) Seek to promote close cooperation between the city and all private citizens, institutions, agencies and associates interested in or conducting public health and safety activities, to the end that all public health and safety resources within the city may be coordinated to secure the greatest public welfare.

The Board has focused on traffic issues, traffic control and pedestrian safety in past years. Suggestions

for future priorities were made and included home and business security, construction and home maintenance safety, neighborhood watch options, wildlife concerns, and possible Board participation in community events to encourage outreach of health and safety displays or activities.

The Board requested input from City staff, City Council members and the Mayor on priorities for 2022. There will be more discussion at future meetings.

Discussion identified next steps for pursuing neighborhood watch options:

- Include a message in a Grimes newsletter to ask interested citizens to contact a designated person at the City and form a list of those interested.
- If there is sufficient interest expressed, the Board can arrange a public informational meeting with the PCSO Community/Public Relations contact to learn more.
- Neighborhoods would be responsible for organization of a watch group in their area.
- The Board would act as a resource for the groups.

Radar trailer/sign data update

Due to computer problems, there was no radar data to review. The Board is interested in finding out if there are upgrades available that would offer settings or options for better review of traffic problems by time and speed.

Old Business:

A concerned citizen stated that out of state vehicles in the NE Heritage area are causing parking problems again. Lt Galetich was not aware of any suspicious activities under surveillance in that area.

New Business:

School pickup traffic at Heritage Elementary

Councilman Burger led discussion regarding problems with traffic near Heritage Elementary. He had observed vehicles waiting to pick up students along NE Park Dr and westbound NE Beaverbrooke Blvd past the roundabout between 2:30 to 3:30, blocking the roads and creating traffic and pedestrian safety issues. Cold weather may be contributing to the problem by increasing the number of vehicles picking up students.

It was reported that parents were told the school had done all they could and it was a city problem. Chair Grove said a traffic study was done before the school was built but the findings of the study were not implemented.

Board discussion identified a possible improvement to traffic flow by routing the traffic through the outer roadway in the parking lot on the north side of the school. Councilman Burger will coordinate with PCSO to follow up with the school principal.

Guthrie asked if traffic issues at North Ridge had improved. No one was aware of any current problems.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm

Next Meeting: March 3, 2022

Reports included below regarding calls for the fire department and law enforcement.



JOHNSTON-GRIMES METROPOLITAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

6373 MERLE HAY RD.
JOHNSTON, IOWA 50131

January 2022 service calls

300 calls across all districts

Total calls **slightly decreased** from December's total (310).

Station 37 – 94 calls

Station 38 – Grimes district – 26 Johnston district – 53

Station 39 – 120 calls New NW Area - 0

Mutual Aid Given– 7 calls Ankeny – 0 Granger – 1 Saylor – 5 Urbandale - 1

Mutual Aid Received – 10 agency responses

EMS calls (246) – 82.0% Fire/other calls (54) – 18.0%

7 incidents in Category 1 - 3 Structure fires, 1 cooking fire, 3 vehicle fires

6 incidents in Category 2 - Excessive Heat, no ignition

217 in Category 3 – Rescue/EMS

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

18 Service Calls in Category 5 – 5 public assists, 1 unauthorized burning, 5 assists/invalid.

20 Good Intent Calls in Category 6

26 False Alarms in Category 7

0 incidents in Category 8

0 incidents in Category 9

Major incidents to report in JGMFD districts or involving JGMFD Units

Nothing to report.

Items of interest:

Nothing to report.



Grimes - Calls For Service Counts

Year	Month	Naturecode	CFS
2022	Jan	ABAND	2
		ACCIDENT	25
		ANIMAL	11
		ASSAULT	2
		ASSIST	86
		AUDIBLE	25
		BROADCAST	3
		BUILDING	196
		BURG	1
		BUSVIOL	2
		CHINA	2
		COMMFIRE	17
		DEBRIS	4
		DISPUTE	16
		DITCH	3
		DOMESTIC	25
		DPQ	5
		DUMPING	1
		FOLLOW	14
		FRAUD	6
		HARASS	6
		HITRUN	4
		INCOMP	12
		INFO	11
		INVESTIG	8
		KEYS	18
		LMV	2
		MENTAL	4
		MESSAGE	5
		MISC	1
		MISSING	1
		NARC	2
		OPEN	2
OWI	1		
PARK	29		
POSS	1		
PUBLIC	21		

Year	Month	Naturecode	CFS
2022	Jan	PW	3
		RADAR	100
		RECKLESS	13
		RUNAWAY	1
		SEARCH	1
		SEX	1
		SHOPLIFT	2
		SHOTS	1
		SIGNALS	3
		SILENT	1
		STALLED	32
		STILL	2
		SUICIDE	5
		SUSP	31
		THEFT	24
		THREAT	3
		TRAFFIC	232
		TRESPASS	2
		UNK	2
		VANDAL	3
WATCH	65		
WELFARE	26		
Month Total		1,127	
Year Total		1,127	