

City of Reedsburg Police & Fire Commission
Meeting Minutes

Date: 4-15-25

Call to Order: 7:00am

Meeting Location: Marty's Steakhouse, 200 Viking Dr, Reedsburg, WI 53959

Members Present:

Scott Larson Beth Stoughtenger-DeForge, Secretary Art Shrader
Alden Colvin Jr

Members Absent:

Kevin Runde

Others Present:

Patrick Cummings, Chief of Police; Craig Douglas, Fire Chief; Josh Kowalke, EMS Chief; Max Buckner, City Administrator

Motion to adopt the agenda – Posted in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law:

Scott Motion, Beth Second. Motion Carried 4 - 0.

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes: Art Motion, Jr Second.

Motion Carried 4 - 0.

General Business:

Scott appointed Chair of PFC; Discussion on future quarterly meeting locations and dates

Ambulance Director:

Update for the year provided; some part-time openings due to staff moving on to full-time positions; 7.8 minute average response time on calls that includes lengthy transports with in town response times estimated around 5 minutes

Fire Chief:

95 calls for the first quarter, which is high when normally average 200-220/year.

40 members currently with 0 cadets; 4 going to new training

Length of service program initiated that was approved last year for 2025 budget

Police Chief:

Fully staff with hires; Moore academy done, but field training now. Jahnke field training done and on solo patrol. Bitzan about half done with academy and will be done in June. Last new hire background almost complete and academy starts in June.

Activity- thefts are up, agency assists are up, accidents are down 11%, adult arrests are down 24% with juvenile arrests up 22%; OWI's are up.

Adjourn

Beth Motion, Art, Second. Time Adjourned: 7:41 am. Motion Carried, 4 - 0.

Next Meeting: July 15, 2025, at TBD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth DeForge, Secretary

