

City of Reedsburg Police & Fire Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/20/20

Call to Order: 7:00am

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

Members Present:

David Estes, Chair

Mary Jane Howard

Dr. Scott Larson

Jim Wieczorek

Members Absent:

Dr. Phil Hasler, Secretary

Others Present:

Patrick Cummings, Chief of Police; Craig Douglas, Fire Chief;

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

Howard Motion, Wieczorek Second. Motion Carried 4 - 0.

Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes: Howard Motion, Wieczorek Second.

Motion Carried 4 - 0.

General Business:

Chief's Reports:

Police Chief:

Total Activity Down 21% in 2020 compared to 2019

Arrests Down 23% in 2020 compared to 2019

Clearance Rates 62.50% in 2020

Police continue...Discussion on the impact of Covid related to lower numbers compared to 2019. Covid precautions still in place at the PD to help preserve the health of the staff and to maintain a full crew on each shift. Discussion on some of the changes made to operations over the last 7 months due to Covid. Updates provided on the PD expansion, new software and crime reporting requirements, new personnel all off field training, training online more. The department continues to prepare for the upcoming Accreditation assessment in December.

Fire Chief:

Calls for the quarter (38) are lower than average and calls continue to be down for 2020 in general. Covid precautions in place to protect the staff to include less training in large groups. Fundraising is down due to Covid precautions. Discussion on ISO rating and the pending results as that will potentially provide lower insurance rates in the area. Discussion on the continued positive impact of having Dempsey full-time at RFD.

Adjourn

Howard Motion, Larson, Second. Time Adjourned: 8:00am. Motion Carried, 4 - 0.

Next Meeting Date: January 19, 2021, at Marty's Steakhouse, 200 Viking Drive, Reedsburg, WI 53959

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Cummings, Police Chief