

City of Reedsburg Police & Fire Commission

Meeting Minutes

Date: 1/19/21

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:

Wieczorek Motion, Larson 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 for 2020- 12,335 which was down from 2019 due to the covid 19 pandemic.

- Burglary and Auto Theft increased.

Total Arrests for 2020- 678 which was down from 2019 possibly due to covid 19.

Total Clearance Rates for 2020- 56%, which is above the State average.

- Sexual Assaults- 100% clearance
- Assaults- 94% clearance

PD staff adjusted in 2020 to new procedures to put precautions in place due to the covid 19 pandemic. Decreased activity and police contacts were expected/planned to help stop the spread of covid while many people stayed home more than usual.

PD achieved re-accreditation after the December on-site assessment. The expansion project was completed. PD crime reporting transitioned from summary based reporting to incident based reporting, which is much more detailed. This reporting ties into the new records management system.

Staffing levels discussed to include the start of two new dispatchers in January.

Fire Chief:

Calls for service in 2020- 180 which was down from 2019.

Election of Officers were held- no new changes

Three retirements recently. Staffing- currently five spots open with applications being reviewed.

Cadet program being evaluated to help grow the department.

Training- None in November or December due to covid, but expecting training soon.

Adjourn

Howard Motion, Larson, Second. Time Adjourned: 7:43am . Motion Carried, 4 - 0 .

Next Meeting Date: April 20, 2021, at Marty's Steakhouse, 200 Viking Drive, Reedsburg, WI 53959

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick Cummings, Police Chief