

MEETING MINUTES FOR THE:
City of Reedsburg - Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, April 28, 2016

The Public Safety Committee for the City of Reedsburg convened in regular session on Wednesday, April 28, 2016 at 5:00pm at the Reedsburg Police Department with the following members present:

David Moon, Alder (Chair)
Bill Finnegan, Alder
Cathy Yanke
Matt Smuksta
Larry Novak

Also Present:

Fire Chief Craig Douglas, Police Chief Tim Becker, and Ambulance Chief Josh Kowalke.

Absent:

Minutes from January 27, 2016: Moved by Finnegan, seconded by Novak. Motion carried.

Item 1: Chief Becker presented the 2016 Emergency Operation Plan for the City. Minor changes noted. A recommendation for the City to name Joshua Kowalke as the City's Emergency Management Director by resolution was presented by Chiefs Becker and Douglas. Naming Kowalke was also recommended by Sauk County Emergency Management. Recommendation to Council to accept 2016 EOP with Kowalke as Emergency Management Director Moved by: Yanke, seconded by Novak. Motion carried.

Item 2: Chief Becker presented the Police Department activity and budget reports for January – March 2016. A brief update and explanation of Bar Buddies – Reedsburg safe ride program and the Sauk County MAT Grant.

Item 3: Chief Douglas provided activity reports to date. Chief Douglas also explained the implementation of new fire reporting software that will greatly improve the department's ability to file State and National reports. Chief Douglas also provided a preliminary report on potential needs for the department to include replacing breathing apparatus that are over 20 years old. Chief Douglas also advised of two retirements.

Item 4: Chief Kowalke presented Ambulance activity reports to date. Chief Kowalke also provided an update regarding the pilot patient intervention program and described its successes. The program began with 7 patients and is now up to 49 patients and has attracted attention from other hospitals. Chief Kowalke also advised that the Ambulance will be purchasing an additional "Fly-Car" to assist in their responses.

Adjourn: Moved by Smuksta, seconded by Finnegan at 5:37pm. Motion carried.

July meeting planned at the Reedsburg Ambulance.

Timothy M. Becker
Chief of Police
Reedsburg Police Department