

**City of Decorah Public Safety Committee and 28e Rural Fire Board Joint Meeting
Tuesday, April 18, 2017 – 6:30pm and 7:30pm, respectfully.**

The City of Decorah Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6:30pm. City Manager Chad Bird called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Randy Schissel, Andy Carlson and Steve Luse. Others in attendance: Fire Chief Mike Ashbacher and City Manager Chad Bird. Absent: Chuck Lore.

Agenda

1. Update on deer depredation
Bird provided an update and noted that the Iowa DNR did not conduct a fly over survey this year due to budget cuts. Bird did provide a report from the police department's windshield survey and noted that about 18 deer were noted in December of 2016 and approximately 58 in January 2017. There was not further discussion.
2. Discussion regarding equipment
Chief Ashbacher provided an update and overview of the department for the quarter. He noted some of the mechanical, repair and warranty work being completed on the new aerial truck and mentioned that it should be back in service this week.
3. Other business
In other business, Chief Ashbacher asked about the process for hiring the replacement for the anticipated retirement in the department. Carlson noted that it seemed to on the tentative agenda.

There was no other business.

**28e Rural Fire Board and Public Safety Committee
7:30 p.m.**

The 28e Rural Fire Board and the City Public Safety Committee met on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 7:30pm. Dan Beard called the meeting to order and the following answered roll: Randy Schissel, Andy Carlson and Steve Luse. Others in attendance: Fire Chief Mike Ashbacher and City Manager Chad Bird. Absent: Chuck Lore.

Rural Fire Board representatives in attendance included: Rick Monson, Highland – Hesper Township; Daniel Beard, Pleasant Township; Louis Courtney, Bluffton Township; Wayne Wicks, Canoe Township, Jim Ludeking, Decorah Township, Tony Meyer and Gary Smorstad, Glenwood Township.

1. Discussion regarding sale of old aerial truck
There was discussion about the old aerial and its value for sale. Chief Ashbacher noted he had conversation with a third-party company that would consider selling the truck on commission. There was discussion about the condition of the truck, value and terms of the commission sales program.

The committee instructed Bird and Chief Ashbacher to proceed with trying to sell the truck through the third-party firm.

2. Review matters of mutual concern

Chief Ashbacher provided an overview of the department's work this quarter. He noted the department is currently sitting with 32 members. He noted there is one member in the training program and another prospective member considering joining.

He noted several training opportunities with some structures in the community including flood buy-out homes, the new hotel and the old Winn Coop grain elevator.

3. Other business

The next meeting was set for July 18, 2017 at 6:30pm.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

