Pecan Grove Fire Department

Business Meeting

November 2, 2021

1. Before calling the meeting to order, Chief Woolley noted some issues and concerns.
   1. Besides normal department business, this meeting would also involve electing four board members. Seven candidates are running for the four Fire Board positions.
   2. Chief Woolley said that two issues were of primary concern in the voting:
      1. Department bylaws state that only full members in good standing are allowed to vote in this election.
      2. Only one full member was in good standing, participating in the required number of trainings and calls: Corey Chierighino.
      3. Unless we vote to suspend the bylaws, only Corey Chierighino would be allowed to vote.
      4. However, General Order #20-000100, issued by Chief Woolley on 9/8/2020, stated that (due to the pandemic issues) if any member felt uncomfortable resuming in-person training and meetings, they could notify the chain of command and the absence would not be held against them.
         1. No expiry date was set on this order.
         2. The order was amended to expire on November 3,2021.
      5. Recognizing this order, all full members not on leave or suspension would be allowed to vote.
2. Call to Order: This meeting was then called to order by Chief Woolley at 7:27 pm.
3. Invocation: Larry Danna
4. Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Woolley
5. Roll call: Done with sign-in sheet
6. Preliminary items:
   1. Denise Davis has a list of COVID-19 booster shot locations. See her for details.
   2. Captain Pat Young (training officer) noted that he was still on leave due to military duties.
      1. Dawson Bucek made a motion that Captain Pat Young be given voting privileges for this election. Corey Chierighino seconded and the motion passed.
   3. Chief Woolley asked how many non-full members were taking the online class.
      1. Chaz Connell, Edwin Meija, and Jese Tenorio all indicated that they were enrolled.
      2. Chief Woolley noted that all three needed to complete the course by 11/25/2021 in order for the grant funds to be closed out.
7. Voting for Fire Board members.
   1. There are seven candidates running for four positions:
      1. Robbie Baker
      2. Kathy Golden
      3. John Grillo
      4. Dean Hamrick
      5. James Hines
      6. Pat Hughes
      7. Steven Metcalf
   2. All the non-Full members in attendance were excused and ballots distributed to the members.
      1. Members are each to vote for the four candidates of their choice.
      2. Ballots were marked by the members and brought forward to be counted.
      3. One proxy vote in a sealed envelope had been received from Larry Perry.
      4. Secretary Joe Cartwright and Assistant Chief Jerod Vontz tallied and counted the ballots.
   3. After the votes were counted, the following candidates were elected to the Fire Board:
      1. Robbie Baker
      2. Kathy Golden
      3. John Grillo
      4. Dean Hamrick
   4. Chief Woolley will notify the candidates of the results of the election.
   5. Larry Danna made a motion that the ballots be destroyed; Dawson Bucek seconded and the motion passed. The ballots were then removed and destroyed.
   6. Non-full members were invited back into the room.
8. Minutes: Minutes from the October business meetings (held in two parts) had been posted at Station 1 for the membership to review. Denise Davis made a motion, seconded by Billy Hoft, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.
9. Financial Report: Chief Woolley presented the report from October.
   1. It was noted that we have begun receiving the increased rates from Pecan Grove MUD.
   2. After a brief discussion, Dawson Bucek made a motion that the July report be accepted as presented. Motion seconded by Corey Chierighino; motion passed.
10. Communications: Chief Woolley
    1. No report, other than Jerod Vontz reporting that there was no County Chiefs meeting this past month.
11. Unfinished business:
    1. Membership – Corey Chierighino
       1. Three applicants are up for probationary membership.
          1. Alex Lujan
          2. Aaron Buontello
          3. Josh Garcia
       2. All non-full members were excused for discussion and voting.
       3. After a brief discussion, voting was held:
          1. Alex Lujan – Corey Chierighino made a motion that Alex be accepted as a probationary member; Denise Davis seconded and the motion passed.
          2. Aaron Buontello – Corey Chierighino made a motion that Aaron be accepted as a probationary member; Pat Young seconded and the motion passed.
          3. Josh Garcia – Corey Chierighino made a motion that Josh be accepted as a probationary member; Dawson Bucek seconded and the motion passed.
       4. It was noted that not all these candidates for probationary membership had had background checks completed.
       5. Billy Hoft made a motion that for all these probationary candidates, probationary status is contingent on them passing their background checks. Blake Thompson seconded, and the motion passed.
       6. A short discussion followed, regarding eligibility requirements for probationary and full membership.
       7. Non-full members were invited back into the room.
    2. Equipment – Jerod Vontz:
       1. Generators: waiting for responses – supply chain problems.
       2. E62 got new tires on the rear of the truck.
       3. Working on mounting brackets and power for tablets.
       4. Blake Thompson noted that E62 had brake issues.
       5. Getting new LMTV unit painted; some different options to choose from.
       6. Skid unit for LMTV: Cabs unit – compressed air; frame system. May affect ISO rating -?
       7. Pat Young asked about gear lockers; Assistant Chief Vontz answered that this was in the works, involving a major renovation of Station 1, beginning next year, in the first quarter of 2022.
       8. New hose ordered: getting rid of 3”.
       9. Medical: Denise Davis reports problems getting AED pads; pads must be compatible with AED units in use.
    3. Training – Dawson Bucek
       1. Training coming up:
          1. HazMat.
          2. Burning at Fire Field.
          3. Blood Borne Pathogens
          4. Sexual Harassment
       2. Captain Young noted that we could be losing Target Solutions soon: all members are advised to print out and retain hard copies of their trainings.
    4. C/R Committee – Blake Thompson:
       1. The PGVFD Obstacle Course may be scheduled to be at the Pecan Harvest Festival in Richmond on Nov. 21.
          1. A bare minimum of at least 8 people are required to run this event.
          2. There are waivers to have signed, disinfecting, etc.
          3. Pat Young added that it would be best that we elect to forgo this event participation for this year, due to volunteer staffing and COVID issues. Corey Chierighino made the motion – seconded by Ken Itzen – that we not participate, due to the previous issues. Motion passed.
12. New business: none reported.
13. Good of the Order – no report
14. Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm following a motion by Corey Chierighino, seconded by Ken Itzen.