Pecan Grove Fire Department

Business Meeting – Part 1

Meeting With Fire Board Candidates

October 5, 2021

1. Call to Order: This meeting was called to order by Chief Woolley at 7:08 pm.
2. Invocation: Larry Danna
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Woolley
4. Roll call: Done with sign-in sheet
5. The purpose of this meeting is to meet the candidates currently running for the PGVFD Board of Directors (aka: “Fire Board”). All other business items are deferred until the full Business Meeting on October 12.
6. Fire Board Candidates:
   1. Dean Hamrick
      1. Former member
      2. Now retired – will not be travelling all the time.
      3. Larry Danna asked Dean why he was running for the Fire Board. Dean replied that he still wanted to be involved with the Department.
   2. Steven Metcalf – distributed printed handout
      1. Former member
      2. Wants to stop “growing pains” in department.
      3. Chief needs to know how to run a business.
      4. K. I. S. S. – keep it simple.
      5. Interested in fund raising
      6. Larry Danna asked why Metcalf wanted to join the board, since he did not live in the response area. Metcalf answered that he had been involved with and interested in the department for many years; also Long Meadow Farms is adjacent to Pecan Grove’s district and could conceivably be covered by Pecan Grove VFD at some future point.
   3. Robby Baker
      1. Former Fire Board member
      2. Waterside – former Pecan Grove resident
      3. Texas A&M Fire School, Class #58
      4. Former Fire Marshall’s office
      5. Former Arson/fire investigator for District Attorney’s office.
   4. Kathy Golden (incumbent)
      1. Long term member.
      2. Has served on board 8 years.
      3. Larry Danna asked about board members attending business meetings; Kathy (and other board members) indicated that, in general, the board was not aware of this desire.
   5. James Hines (incumbent) – distributed printed handout
      1. Current board secretary
      2. Lived in Waterside since 2002.
      3. On Fire Board since 2008; secretary since 2011.
      4. In law enforcement, not fire service.
      5. Larry Danna asked about using a consulting firm for Fire Chief selection; fervent discussion followed.
      6. Anyone welcome to come to Fire Board meetings.
   6. Pat Hughes (incumbent)
      1. Current board president
      2. 46 years in fire service.
      3. Currently Emergency Management in Sugar Land.
      4. Looking at getting 2 sets of gear for each FF.
      5. Apparatus replacement: air packs.
      6. Blake Thompson asked about a timeline for 2nd gear sets – still in the works; no timeline yet.
      7. Blake also asked if the board knows about equipment needs – yes: Jennifer very good at relaying information.
      8. Emphasis on getting equipment ff’s need.
      9. Billy Hoft asked about using the Chief Selection Committee – how would that work with an outside consulting service? Pat indicated that little had been done toward using an outside service.
      10. Going around to MUD boards to negotiate fee increases.
      11. Looking at station expansion/renovation/new locations.
      12. Blake asked if medical supplies are kept up to date; Denise stays on top of this very well.
7. Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm following a motion by Blake Thompson, seconded by Denise Davis. Blake’s motion was to table any other discussion until the next meeting on Tuesday, October 12. Motion passed.