

Pecan Grove Fire Department

Business Meeting

Conducted Online May 12, 2020

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chief Joe Woolley at 7:06 pm.
- II. Invocation: Larry Danna
- III. Roll call: Joe Cartwright, done online
- IV. Minutes from previous month had not been distributed to the members. Larry Danna made a motion, seconded by Logan Danna, that acceptance of the minutes be postponed until next month. Motion passed.
- V. Financial Report: presented by Chief Woolley
 - A. During the meeting, the finance report was sent out to the membership.
 1. Larry Perry asked if the \$60K reserve amount would be raised. Chief Woolley answered that the plans are to raise the reserve by \$10K each year, until it is at \$100K.
 2. E-61 is ready for pickup, with a price of \$19,615.34; brakes, radiator, thermostat hoses, power steering, fuel injectors.
 - a) Larry Perry noted that we have \$88K in the equipment budget for this sort of expense.
 - b) Chief Woolley added that expenses and money would be tight through the summer.
 - B. Blake Thompson made a motion, seconded by Billy Hoft, that the financial report be accepted as presented. Motion passed.
- VI. Unfinished business:
 - A. Membership – Corey Chierighino
 1. Two new applicants:
 - a) Ryan Brames
 - b) Jacob Mensik
 2. Chief Woolley noted that there were about 15 new applicants expressing interest in joining the department.
 3. One more applicant at virtual meeting: Jaylin Thomas Sr.: Louisiana fire fighter.
 4. Also Samantha Rubio, joining the meeting, with Tracia Brown.
 5. Chiefs and command staff looking at when to go back to “normal”. May be July 4.
 6. COVID cases down to 12, from 16.
 - B. Training – Pat Young
 1. Still running HFD training.
 2. Larry Danna noted that the American Heart Association CPR cards are good for an additional 120 days after their listed expiration date.
 3. Denise Davis added that there were extensions in certification periods for nurses and paramedics.

4. Pat Young said that we would concentrate on renewals for CPR, etc.
 5. All with expired certifications: go ahead and do the online portions.
 6. Denise Davis asked if training would involve mouth-to-mouth on the manikins; Larry Danna said that we would concentrate on compressions, other than CO, obstructions, and smoke inhalation.
 7. TEEX is shut down for 2020.
- C. Equipment (Jerod Vontz/Chief Woolley)
1. Squad 61 is in the shop: struts, shocks, brakes, body mounts.
 2. May 27: county @ Station 1 to reprogram radios; begin around 8:00 to 8:30. Be there or drop it off the night before.
 3. Billy Hoft noted that there were lots of changes in dispatch, emergency management, etc.
 4. Billy also noted that the department is looking at Responder 360 software for county to use when dispatching.
 5. Discussion about options for responding.
 6. Mike Rogers needs gear.
- D. C/R Committee (Blake Thompson)
1. Fireball postponed until 10/5 (or 11/23).
 2. 5 Miles: sponsorships & other items –
 - a) Carrying over 2018 & 2019 sponsors on shirts.
 - b) Tank – sponsor – \$7,500 .
 - c) T-shirts:
 - (1) Sign-ups done on tablets – will have class.
 - (2) Did not solicit funds from sponsors this year, due to economy.
 - (3) Larry Danna: Il Primo, Laundry shut down.
 - d) 5 Miles signups: some duty crew helping.
 - e) Matt Cornell getting deputies.
 - f) Blake Thompson asked about the status of speaker purchases; Chief Woolley said that it was in the works.
- E. Other unfinished business
1. Bylaws going to Board this week for their approval (or not).
 2. COVID-19 items:
 - a) Status Quo: protocols still in place.
 - b) Non-life-threatening calls: stage & wait to be called in.
 - c) Life-threatening calls: make location, one fire fighter sent in, using mask & PPE.
 - d) Duty crew has been updated.
 - e) Denise Davis noted:
 - (1) “Social distancing” now renamed “Physical distancing”.
 - (2) Not at plateau: still going up.
 - (3) 75 COVID-19 cases transported, no EMS sick.
 - (4) PPE in stations – everyone use it.
 - (5) Volunteers are NEVER first in.
 - f) Chief Woolley:
 - (1) Checking temperatures each shift change.
 - (2) Aladtec – has questionnaire.
 - (3) Responding from home – fill out questionnaire
 - (4) Chief checking forms.

- VII. New business:
 - A. Pat Young noted that Galveston has cancelled fireworks.
- VIII. Communications
 - A. MUD still planning on new building in Pitts Road Park; will not include Sta.1.
- IX. Good of the Order – Stay healthy & be safe.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.