Pecan Grove Fire Department

Business Meeting

August 2, 2022

1. Call to Order: This meeting was then called to order by Chief Vontz at 6:40 pm.
2. Invocation: Larry Danna
3. Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Vontz
4. Roll call: Done with sign-in sheet.
5. Minutes:
   1. Minutes from the July business meeting had been posted at Station 1 for the membership to review. Larry Danna made a motion, seconded by Logan Danna, that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion passed.
6. Financial Report: Chief Vontz presented the report from July.
   1. Accounts: $736,000.70; $663K in cash available. Larry Danna made a motion, seconded by Corey Chierighino, that the financial report be accepted as presented; motion passed.
   2. Projected income is lower due to apartments coming in slow. Revised now $1,401,620.88. Difference of $17,511.72.
7. Communications:
   1. Funds still coming in from 5 Miles.
8. Unfinished business:
   1. Membership – Corey Chierighino:
      1. One applicant eligible for probationary membership: Stan Obi.
      2. Non-members left the room, for remaining membership to vote.
      3. Motion made by Pat Young and seconded by Corey Chierighino to accept Stan Obi as a probationary member. Motion passed. Attendees brought back into the meeting.

* 1. Equipment – Asst. Chief Hoft
     1. 2nd LTV is still at the paint shop.
     2. Skid unit has been ordered.
     3. E62 was side swiped at a PR event; minor damage.
     4. T66 water hose was replaced.
     5. 10 sets of bunker gear ordered.
     6. Station 1: waiting on updated bids – all due Sept. 4.
     7. Station 1 generator – waiting on board.
     8. Station 2 generator – up and running.
     9. Station 2 bay door 3 repaired but not complete. Use only as necessary until replaced.
  2. Training – Pat Young
     1. Reviewed July’s training.
     2. Books will be ordered for internal fire academy.
        1. Training equipment will be built by Capt. Young.
        2. Gear being allotted as measurements done by Gene de los Santos.
     3. Sept. 24 is Fire Field Day, 8 – 5 with other departments. Capt. Young encouraged everyone to build up and prepare.
     4. ICS classes need to be completed online by all new members. (ICS 100, 200, 700, 800).
     5. New members need to do written portion and test for Class B.
        1. Driving tests at a later date.
        2. Question brought up about new members being able to do stipends. Captains Young and Serrano will contact these members.
  3. C/R Committee – Blake Thompson
     1. Clara Bishop resigned from the C/R Committee. New vice-chairman is Chaz Connell
     2. Blake asked if the department can purchase scratch-off tickets and other items for auction for Fireball Classic.
     3. Fireball Classic:
        1. Please continue to pass out flyers and get auction items.
        2. Will need members to set up and help at tournament.
        3. Hole in One donation by Classic Chevrolet. Next year it will be by Finnegan dealership.
        4. Registration done online by QR code.
     4. Another CR meeting will be this week.
  4. Proposed Bylaws Changes
     1. Article II Organization:
        1. Asst. Chief Hoft reviewed past meetings and why they haven’t been voted on. Second reading done tonight. Majority of proposed changes are grammatical changes.
        2. Discussion about Section 9C – discussion about Chief having the flexibility to determine the needs of Captains and other command personnel.
           1. Motion made by Blake Thompson to make statement say, “Operational Officers appointed by the Chief as follows: at least one Asst. Chief (Ops.) and at least two Captains (Ops.).”
           2. Discussion followed. Motion made by Billy Hoft to state “Operational Officers are to be appointed by the Chief as necessary.” Seconded by Blake Thompson. This will be the first reading.
        3. Section 10 – motion made to vote on section 10 as revised, by Logan Danna. Motion seconded by Larry Danna. Motion passed.
        4. Section 13 – Section 13G discussed. Billy Hoft made a motion to remove Section G. Seconded by Logan Danna. Motion passed. First reading.
        5. Board of Directors, Section 2:
           1. Add Section 14. Discussion followed about Board meeting times and dictating fixed days and times instead of leaving times flexible.
           2. Section 2 voted on – motion failed.
           3. Section 14 – Motion made to accept by Blake Thompson; second by Logan Danna; motion passed.
     2. Article IV Order of Business
        1. Section 7D – motion made by Corey Chierighino, second by Ken Itzen to leave as is and not accept but amended section will stay as written, not changed, and ratified. Motion passed.
     3. Article V Department officers
        1. Proposed change to make statement state “the Chief shall appoint operational officers as necessary, at the first business meeting in January each year.” Section tabled until September business meeting.
     4. Article VII Section 2: motion made by Logan Danna to accept; seconded by Blake Thompson; motion passed.
     5. Article IX Duties of Officers:
        1. Section 1E: change to state “The Chief shall appoint operational officers as needed who shall aid the Assistant Chief in the performance of his/her duties and to assume the responsibilities of the Assistant Chief in his/her absence.” First reading; will have second reading at September business meeting.
        2. Section 1G: Motion to accept made by Corey Chierighino, seconded by Logan Danna; motion passed.
        3. Section 4, Special Command, Part D,3: Motion to accept made by Corey Chierighino, seconded by Pat Young to accept the changes. Motion passed.
        4. Section 4, D, 4 – Capital Expenditures Committee: Motion made to accept change made by Pat Young, second by George Samartzis. Motion passed.
        5. Section 4, F (addition): Motion made to accept by Logan Danna, seconded by Blake Thompson. Motion passed.
        6. Section 4, G (addition): Motion made to accept by Matt Cornell, seconded by Corey Chierighino. Motion passed.
        7. Section 7 (Business Manager): Add “C”. Motion made by Corey Chierighino, seconded by Blake Thompson. Motion passed.
     6. Article X Duties of Committees:
        1. Section 1, B: Membership Committee; Motion to accept made by Logan Danna, seconded by Blake Thompson. Motion passed.
        2. Add new Section 3: Motion to accept made by Corey Chierighino, seconded by Pat Young. Motion passed.
        3. Add new Section 4: Capital Expenditures Committee; Motion to accept made by Matt Cornell, second by Blake Thompson. Motion passed.

1. New Business:
   1. Chief Vontz met with Fire Board and presented status and needs of department. Approved to get tools.
   2. New Squad 61:
      1. Fire Board given presentation on need to replace S61.
      2. New vehicle will be used by Captain Denise Davis and C61 will be used for department business.
   3. Volunteer Status:
      1. Chief presented to MUD and Fire Board to start new program to get new members TCFP and EMT certified.
      2. Then PGFD would expect 2 years service after certifications paid for by PGFD.
   4. Fire Board nominations due Sept. 2.
      1. Candidates come to October meeting and speak.
      2. November will be voting meeting by membership. Question proposed by Blake about bylaws not stating non-officers can be on the board.
   5. Meeting recessed at 7:16 pm to await arrival of Asst. Chief Hoft for bylaw review. Meeting reconvened at 7:36 pm.
   6. New Business, continued
   7. Chief wants to put a new committee together to design a new truck. Committee will consist of duty and volunteer crews. Pat Young nominated by Blake Thompson to represent volunteers. No other nominees were forthcoming. Pat Young approved by acclamation.
2. Good of the Order:
   1. Matt Cornell says that there are old fire trucks available to buy.
   2. Chaz Connell asked for volunteers to buy cake and ice cream with credit card from Jennifer. Julia Serrano will do the September meeting.
3. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 following a motion by Ken Itzen, seconded by Matt Cornell; motion passed. Larry Danna closed the meeting with a prayer.