

Temple-Greenville Police Joint Board

Minutes of the Public Meeting via Zoom

September 14, 2020

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the fact that no members brought forth any pressing matters during monthly polling that would require us to break quarantine, there were no board meetings held from April through August 2020. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm by Chair Maggie Bickford of Greenville. In attendance were Bill Ezell and Ken Caisse of Temple, Chief McTague and Deb Morrison.

Minutes

Bill made a motion to accept the minutes for the March 2 meeting. Ken seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Maggie asked about the status of the budget going into the fall. Chief said we have about 35.5% left and we're in good shape. Bill said the budget advisory committee wanted to know why we're requesting the same amount of money for next year. Jim explained one reason was to hold money for new employees.

New Business

Maggie asked how the department was doing regarding Covid status. Chief said we have a good amount of PPE (personal protection equipment) and all the officers have been told to take precautions regarding interaction with the public. The station remains closed to cut down on the foot traffic. So far, no issues.

Ken made a motion to nominate Bill Ezell as Chair. Maggie second. Motion passed.

Chief's Report

Chief reported that things have been going well. There was lots of road construction with a lot of detail time this summer and things are in good shape. He's trying to fill the full- and part-time slots. All cruisers have been inspected.

There was no July 4th Pots and Pans Parade (although a few people showed up on their own) and there will be no Harvest Festival.

For budget consideration, the 2013 cruiser is up for replacement next year.

Maggie asked if there were any election issues. Chief responded the biggest problem so far is people taking election signs off yards. He and the officers don't discuss politics regarding the election. No protests so far.

Maggie asked if there are any militia members in town. Chief said there are members all over the country but he's not aware of any locally. Ken said Temple is expecting attendance for the General Election will be up over 30% and they had a great turnout for the Primary. There was general consensus that there will be a larger than usual turnout in November.

Bill said he had received a complaint regarding loud music at the Birchwood Inn. Chief said he's spoken with the owner, Mr. Cabana, and that when they're playing an officer can respond and give them an opportunity to turn it down. Disorderly Conduct would include "unreasonable noise at an unreasonable time."

Ken made a motion to adjourn, Maggie seconded and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 5, 2020 at 5:00 pm via Zoom. Bill offered to set it up.

Minutes prepared by Deb Morrison