THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRINCETON FIRE ADVISORY BOARD HELD AT 7:00 P.M., October 1, 2019, AT THE PRINCETON PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call.
Gerold called the meeting to order at 7:00 at the Princeton Public Safety Building.


**Others Present:** Ken Murray, Dennis Haubenschild Wyanett, Tim Hennagir Union Times

**Staff Present:** Ron Lawrence Fire Chief, Josh Vaccari Asst. Chief, Troy Thompson Captain, Brian Mellgren Captain, Robert Barbian City Admin.

2. Review/Consideration of Minutes
NELSON MOVED, JENKINS SECONDED APPROVAL WITH CORRECTIONS OF THE AUGUST 6th, 2019 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Agenda Additions/Deletions – NO CHANGES

4. Fire Engine: Chief Lawrence provided an overview of the truck committee work on equipping the Engine and obtaining bids for the engine. There were four bids received with the Pierce truck coming in with the best rank truck bid and summary sheet in the packet. Discussion occurred. It was covered that there likely be minor refinements as the order advances but costs would be kept under the 600K budget. BECK MOVED, NELSON SECONDED THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PURCHASE THE PIERCE FIRE ENGINE AT 589,846.00. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANAMOUSLY.

5. Run Reports: Runs are at 313 for the year. This trend is higher than the 2018 yearend total of 364. National night out and public safety were a big success with good turnouts at both events. The tank truck leak on Engine 8 was repaired by Custom. The leak was fixed at no charge but the cab removal was charged at an estimated cost of 2,000.00.

6. Grants: A Fire Act Grant application is pending for 6 sets of turnout gear. The DNR 50/50 grant was awarded for 1,700.00 and the Fire Relief Association is paying the match of just over 1,700.00. This will be used for hoses and misc. equipment.

7. Old Business: Wyanett Township was brought up by Barbian, indicating that Haubenschild stopped at City Hall to see if there be an interest in considering providing Wyanett with a substation allowance for operations of about 6 to 7 thousand dollars for 10 years if the township contribute the ~143K to the truck fund? Barbian indicated that the Board ought to be aware and may want to provide input to this consideration. Gerold asked what the substation allowance impact on the budget would be. Barbian clarified that all members would be impacted as it be an operating expense. Gerold indicated that the Council would need to consider. Board input was encouraged. Jensen indicated that it was not to bad an idea.
Lundeen liked the idea and would like to see the group stay together. Beck thought it was ok. Seemed to be general consensus but not all parties expressed a view.

8. New Business
Lawrence indicated that the ladder truck was budgeted for 175K and now estimated to be about 10K under budget. The new Engine is under the budgeted amount of $600,000.

The Department has been doing well but the Command vehicle is in need of replacement. He proposed a ford explorer at a cost under 50,000.00. He further indicated that the City is paying for the turnout gear if the fire act grant does not come through so asked how the board felt about half the truck being funded by the City and half by the Equipment Fund. Barbian asked why the City would pay for the turnout gear if no grant was received and half the truck cost. Ron indicated the turnout gear is in the City CIP and an OSHA required item for 9 old sets, 6 of which are in the grant application. Also covered was that grant funding for a command vehicle is unlikely. There was a fair amount of discussion and it was to be on next month’s agenda.

7. Next Meeting & Agenda: November 5, 2019

8. Adjourn
NELSON MOVED TO ADJOURN, JENKINS SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL VOTED IN FAVOR. THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AT 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert Barbian
City Administrator