

**BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022  
6:45 P.M.  
SCHIEFFELIN HALL**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Dustin Escapule called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners to order on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Dustin Escapule led the members and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Colin Regan	Present
Commissioner Bill Barlow	Present
Commissioner Charlene McMahon	Present
Commissioner Jim Newbauer	Present
Chairman Dustin Escapule	Present
Vice Chairman Jim Adams	Present

Absent:

Brenda Ikirt, Interim City Clerk

**A QUORUM WAS DECLARED**

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION:** Approval of minutes from Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

**MOTION** by Commissioner Newbauer, **SECOND** by Commissioner Regan, to approve minutes from Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

**V. VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

**The Marshal's Report – April 1, 2022 through April 30, 2022.**

Vice Chairman Adams; "Mr. Mayor, members of Council, disgusted citizens and Ladies, good evening. This will be the report for April, 2022."

## **CALLS FOR SERVICE**

In April we had 164 Calls for Service, which is up from 144 Calls for Service in March. We made 22 Traffic stop and 2 Motor Vehicle Accidents.

"The number of Calls for Service was up compared to March. No significant trends were noted with the predominant Calls for Service being animal issues, informational or civil matters and suspicious circumstances. Illegal immigration remains an issue in the county and we repeated last month's number of 28 assists to other agencies for situations they were unable to handle initially (or at all) due to lack of staffing or extended response times."

## **Major Events in April**

"You will see that everyone of them will involve illegals. We have two illegal immigrants that were found on the 5<sup>th</sup>. On the 7<sup>th</sup>, a load vehicle coming towards Tombstone pulled over, emptied everyone out and the truck was found abandoned. Six more were located and turned over to Border Patrol the next day. Seven more were found in a car behind Ike's on the 12<sup>th</sup>. In that case, the suspect was a 16-year-old U.S. Citizen who was letting one of the immigrants drive her parent's car, since she didn't have a license. Two more were picked up on the 15<sup>th</sup>. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, three more immigrants were recovered from a vehicle. Both U.S. Citizens were criminally charged, to include Possession of Dangerous Drugs, and were turned over to Border Patrol afterwards. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, Sierra Vista PD had a pursuit and the vehicle came to Tombstone. It was able to be stopped here and the driver admitted to having dumped the immigrants at an undisclosed location. She was booked into the County Jail."

House Bill 2696 revises certain statutes to include two involving the smuggling of human beings. It was signed by Governor Ducey on April 28<sup>th</sup>. This expands the ability of Arizona Peace Officers to arrest persons transporting illegal immigrants in instances where Border Patrol chooses not to or is unable to. This does NOT allow Arizona Peace to arrest immigrants. We can simply detain them temporarily until Border Patrol comes to pick them up. I expect this will really come into play after Title 42 goes away and Border Patrol is going to be fairly inundated with immigration issues and very extended processing times. It is going to be a compounding problem with more immigration and less agents on the streets to handle it. It is going to fall on us! I do have the language for those two statutes here if anybody would like to see it!"

## **Personnel Matters;**

We currently have an open Dispatch position and we currently have an open Deputy position."

## **Other items of interest:**

We have requested an equipment grant under Operation Stone Garden that will provide night vision capabilities to our Deputies. These will be free to the City. It will supplement thermal capabilities that we have now!"

"We received a \$2,000 donation from the Arizona Rangers and in April received an additional \$1,000 from a Sheriff's Assist Team Grant that I applied for and those monies will be used to purchase refurbished AED's for each patrol car."

"The National Guard approved our 213, that is the number they applied to it, for an analyst who started this month. His assignment will be to reconcile a vast amount of information we have obtained from a variety of sources on local drug dealing activities. He has already made significant progress. More to follow. His services are also free to the City."

**Reserve Hours:**

"We have 65.5 hours of duty in the month of April for a salary savings to the City of \$1,277.25."

Vice Chairman Adams asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Escapule; "Have you had any luck with candidates for the positions that you have open?"

Vice Chairman Adams; "I have some people that are interest in the position. It is just a matter of getting through the process and getting somebody on board."

**There being no further questions Chairman Escapule closes discussion and moves for adjournment.**

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Newbauer, to adjourn the meeting.

**VOTE:** 5/0

**MOTION:** Carried

The Board of Police Regular meeting for Tuesday, May 10, 2022, thereby adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Dustin Escapule, Chairman

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Brenda Ikirt, Interim City Clerk