

## CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR OCOEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ocoee City Hall  
1 N. Bluford Avenue  
Ocoee, Florida

July 25, 2024

MINUTES

6:15 PM

### • CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by **Chair Lewis** at 6:15 pm in the Commission Chambers of City Hall located at 1 N. Bluford Avenue, Ocoee.

**Member Lomneck** led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, followed by the invocation given by **Member Moyer**. **Recording Clerk Dixon** performed roll call and declared a quorum present.

Present: Chair Lewis, Vice-Chair Mellen, Members Brown, Lomneck, Meeks (*arrived at 6:20 PM*), Garone, and Moyer.

Absent: Member(s) Braunskill, Garay

Also Present: Commissioner Kennedy, Police Chief Ogburn, Sgt. Blake, Ofc. Sanders, City Clerk Sibbitt, Lt. Iannuzzi, and Recording Clerk Dixon

### • APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from May 23, 2024

**Motion: Move to Approve the May 23, 2024, Minutes; Moved by Member Vice-Chair Mellen, seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried unanimously.**

### • OLD BUSINESS

Crime Stats:

**Police Chief Ogburn** thanked the Board for all they do and for purchasing K-9 Kane's Police badge. He announced the Police Department recently acquired two additional Police K-9s who will be in training.

**Police Chief Ogburn** briefly addressed a recent incident at Lake Starke which was mentioned on social media, explaining the police department's response to the situation. He also commented on the opportunistic crimes that have been happening in the area, particularly at the local Walmart. He stated that their police workflow and productivity have not declined, and the Ocoee Police Department is actively recruiting.

**Police Chief Ogburn** responded to questions about the decrease in burglary and theft in the city as well as inquiries about the Motor Unit Officers. He further addressed questions about the scheduling of Police Department events, and vehicle theft increase.

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**Sgt. Beck** announced a potential collaboration with Fusus Security System within the city to help address theft issues at Walmart.

CACOPD Objectives and Bylaws:

**Member Garone** requested to go over Objectives and Bylaws to receive clarification. Discussion ensued on Article 2 (2. b.) which relates to advising the City Commission on issues relating to the Ocoee Police Department and law enforcement. **Member Moyer** volunteered to represent the board at the City Commission meetings. **Commissioner Kennedy** encouraged an annual plan on event presentations to the City Commission to assist with event marketing and participation. The Board asked about presenting before the City Commission and the process for being added to the agenda. **City Clerk Sibbitt** responded to their inquiry, and **Police Chief Ogburn** informed the board that City Manager approval is still required for them to be placed on the agenda.

**Motion: Move to appoint Member Moyer to provide quarterly CACOPD Board updates before the City Commission; Moved by Member Lomneck, seconded by Member Meeks. Motion carried unanimously.**

The Board discussed membership details for CACOPD and plans to review objectives 2 d., e., and f. at their next meeting. They also inquired about the Board's membership and whether it would be appropriate to consider reducing the number of members. **City Clerk Sibbitt** briefly explained the attendance requirements and quorum requirements to the Board. **Member Meeks** indicated that he plans to bring information to the next meeting on ways to increase involvement with youth in relation to Objective 2 d.

K-9 Kane arrived to the CACOPD Meeting and **Police Chief Ogburn** conducted a brief swearing in ceremony and badge presentation for him.

Charity Organization COPS:

**Lt. Iannuzzi** summarized their previous discussion about allocating \$500 of Board funds to the COPS Organization. She spoke with the organization, which proposed using the funds to sponsor a child of a fallen officer in Central Florida to attend a camp in Missouri. The camp offers selected children the opportunity to play, swim, and interact with other children of fallen officers.

She addressed all questions from the members relating to the purpose of the camp, location, and estimated costs.

**Lt. Iannuzzi** mentioned the upcoming Gala fundraising event in February 2025 and expressed her enthusiasm for having Board members attend to experience the event firsthand.

**Motion: Move to donate \$650 to sponsor a child to attend the program camp in Missouri as presented by Lt. Iannuzzi; Moved by Member Garone, seconded by Member Brown. Motion carried unanimously.**

Lt. Iannuzzi addressed an inquiry on Det. Grogan who has been contracted out to work on missing and cold cases.

• **NEW BUSINESS**

Quarterly Awards:

The Board reviewed the nominees for Officer and Civilian of the Quarter. They each voiced their selection.

**Motion: Move for Nominee #1 to be selected as Officer of the Quarter; Moved by Member Brown, seconded by Member Lomneck. Motion carried unanimously.**

**Motion: Move for Nominee #5 to be selected as Civilian of the Quarter; Moved by Member Brown, seconded by Vice-Chair Mellen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Budget Discussion:

Sgt. Beck announced there is \$182 left in their Board budget.

**Motion: Move to purchase a badge for new K-9 Zoey; Moved by Member Garone, seconded by Vice-Chair Mellen. Motion carried unanimously.**

Ofc. Sanders provided an update on the Police Explorers program.

**Motion: Move to give remaining funds from the CACOPD budget to the Police Explorers Program; Moved by Member Lomneck, seconded by Member Moyer. Motion carried unanimously.**

Member Lomneck inquired about teens going on ride along. Ofc. Sanders addressed his question, explaining the fundamentals of teens going on ride along and understanding Police codes. The Board extended an invitation to have members of the Police Explorers attend their next scheduled meeting. Brief discussion continued on the program.

Commissioner Kennedy inquired about the Blue Jay Way clean-up. Sgt. Beck addressed his question and shared High Pointe Church organizes the event and the Ocoee Police Department participates.

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• **DEPARTMENT UPDATES**

**Ofc. Sanders** announced the following major upcoming events:

- Community Picnic
- Stuff the Police Car
- Shop with a Cop
- Toy Drive for Families in Need
- Operation Santa
- National Night Out
- Shred it Event

**Ofc. Sanders** discussed and provided details on the Blue Jay Way and National Night Out events. She further suggested the Board donate a raffle item for National Night Out and have a tent at the Ocoee Music Fest.

• **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

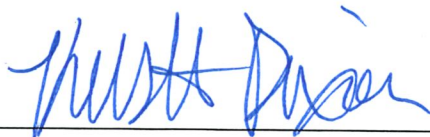
**Member Brown** asked if golf carts need a tag to ride on streets. **Member Lomneck** shared state requirements on driving golf carts.

**Commissioner Kennedy** mentioned he will cover any shortage of Board funds if needed from his discretionary funds.

• **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM

ATTEST:



Kristina Dixon, Recording Clerk

APPROVED:



Chairperson