

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
6:45 P.M.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024
SCHIEFFELIN HALL
(CORNER OF FREMONT AND FOURTH STREET)

- I. CALL TO ORDER** Chairman Dustin Escapule called the Board of Police Commissioner Regular Meeting to order on Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 6:45 PM.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Chairman Dustin Escapule led the Board of Police Commissioners and the general public in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- III. ROLL CALL**
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| Commissioner Colin Regan | Present |
| Commissioner John Goodspeed | Present |
| Commissioner Jimmy Green | Present |
| Commissioner Lillian Hritz | Absent |
| Vice Chairman Jim Adams | Present |
| Chairman Dustin Escapule | Present |
- Also in attendance: Charissa Presti, Interim City Clerk
Shelly Kazda, Deputy City Clerk

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION: Approval of minutes from Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

MOTION by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Goodspeed, to approve the minutes for Regular Meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2024.

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: 4 YES/0 NO/1 Absent

MOTION: Carried

B. MARSHAL'S REPORT: The Marshal's Report – November 1, 2024 through November 31, 2024.

Crime report:

July: 135 Total incidents / 63 Traffic stops / 3 Motor Vehicle Accidents, 0 with injuries, 0 fatal / 1 DUI. The number of calls for service was down compared to October when we had 155. Notable trends: If you guessed alcohol, you'd be right.

Reserve Hours:

Reserve deputies worked 78.75 hours in November for salary savings to the city of \$1,590.75.

Tinfoil Hats:

A local man was found near the park wearing shorts and a ripped shirt wrapped around his feet. He claimed that two men chased him because he reportedly had a warrant for his arrest for having beaten a woman with a golf club. He was apparently high on meth.

Animals misbehaving:

- A pair of pooches took themselves for a walk and ended up in the Hound Pound.
- Toby, the Brahma Bull, also took himself for a walk about. We let the owner handle that one.

- Theft of hay and oats, plus some trespassing: Cows entered the caller's property without permission and ate the horse's food.

People misbehaving and other events of significance in October:

- Smuggling and lack of planning: Husband and wife team were stopped with one UDA in the car. They gave opposite stories. Search warrant is being executed on the contents of their cell phones and official charges will be forthcoming.
- Smuggling Slash Pursuit: An undocumented driver with two other UDAs fled from Border Patrol, came through Tombstone, and then fled from us at speeds of 120 miles an hour until they crashed and went to jail.
- Pursuit/other agency assist: Border Patrol had a chase and the car was found abandoned here in town and we towed it.
- Assist DPS: The triple fatality on Highway 80 involving a drunk driver, we assisted on.
- Assist other agency: Single vehicle accident occurred on Charleston Road and one person was hospitalized.

Please drive safe on Charleston Road. Case in point:

- Extreme DUI: A Sierra Vista woman was driving on the wrong side of the road on Charleston. She was nearly four (4) times the legal limit and had her five (5)- and seven (7)-year-old kids in the car with her. She was charged with multiple felonies and booked into the county jail.
- A man wearing a black shirt was found stumbling along Charleston Road in the dark and nearly got hit by multiple cars. He had a felony warrant for his arrest, so that problem was solved.
- An intoxicated man fell twice in the road and struck his head. He refused medical attention and was given a ride home by a friend.
- An intoxicated woman hit and spit on two different people. She was cited accordingly.
- Two women knocked over a table and were found rolling around on the floor of a local bar, fighting. They left prior to deputy's arrival and have been identified only as Bibi and Favi. Please call if you know who they are or if it's you and you would like to confess.
- An intoxicated man fell into a hat display at a store, grabbed a girl by the arm and used foul language. He refused to identify himself and stated he intended to fight the cops because he hates them. He was arrested without the fight part. A Glock pistol was found in his pocket and a baggie of cocaine was discovered in his hat. He went to jail.
- A family vacation involving alcohol turned into a brawl. One person went to jail for domestic violence and one was cited on scene and released for disorderly conduct.
- Domestic violence. Mom and son got into a beef that included one person being assaulted with a backpack. Mom went to jail.
- Keep the peace: Landlord was evicting a tenant who was currently in jail. Good thing they have a place to stay. Courtesy of the Cochise county detention.
- And wouldn't it be nice: A local resident was told they had won the Publisher Clearing House Sweepstakes and only needed to send in some money to claim their prize. Naturally, it was a scam.
- Someone reported having overheard a conversation about a man planning on staking dead animals at the side of the road to make people think they were humans and force them to stop. Vlad the Impaler's intentions are unknown, but they were probably nefarious in nature.

- And a woman called complaining that her husband was addicted to gaming and wanted us to make him stop playing. She later unplugged his gaming council, which prompted a second visit to their house from us.

Other items of interest:

The Tombstone Marshal's office loves and appreciates our K-9 partners, not only because of the incredible work that they do to keep illicit drugs off the street, but because they are valued members of our law enforcement family. Injuries to peace officers, whether intentional or accidental, are an unfortunate consequence of our profession. But you're never fully prepared to see when one of your own gets hurt. As of this morning, Deputy Coby is doing well and started physical therapy today. We also received K-9 Hawk's ashes today for internment at our station. The incident itself is still under investigation by outside agencies and is not expected to be completed for another month as they are waiting on subpoenaed records from the dog's previous owners as well as the results of the necropsy report.

In our plan moving forward, some existing policies will remain in effect and some new safeguards will be implemented.

- Prospective handlers will be required to observe 80 hours of K-9 training prior to being considered for admission to the team. There is much that can be learned from watching others train, whether it be the observation of hands-on exercises or covering policy, procedure, and case law.
- A pre-training bonding period with the K-9 partner based on industry standards will be implemented.
- The handler/K-9 team will attend an 80-hour course on drug detection.
- And to be clear on this, the Tombstone Marshal's office does not employ specifically trained bite dogs. But to mitigate the appearance or likelihood of an accidental bite, all future dogs, should there be any, will be the floppy-ear variety such as Labradors, Retrievers and English Spaniels.
- All funds for purchase and training of the dog will be secured upfront to ensure that the city is the legal owner of the dog and they will be considered as employees.

And in conclusion, I cannot answer questions regarding the investigation as the findings won't be shared with me until the final report is issued.

Mayor closes Marshal's Report.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOTION by Commissioner Regan, **SECOND** by Commissioner Green, to adjourn. The Board of Police Commissioners was adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Dustin Escapule, Mayor

Charissa Presti, Interim, City Clerk