

Commissioners' Meeting

September 13, 2016

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Present were: Commissioners Entze, Sutich, & Nelson, Chief Burgess, A/Chiefs Nixon, Watson & Bjurstrom, D. Weyn, D/Chiefs Lyon & Petersen, B/Chief Kauppila, A. Mattila, E. Beck, J. Brenner, J. Huscroft, S. Cloudy, Volunteer Recruits and their families

Commissioner Smith was not in attendance.

Our flag salute was led by Chairman Duncan.

D. Weyn presented a letter from Chief Basket of Graham Fire. Chief Basket thanked the District for the use of a medic unit over the last few months to bridge the gap until they were able to replace two units in their fleet.

Commissioner Entze made one correction to the August 23, 2016 minutes; he was present at the meeting but was not put into the minutes. Commissioners Nelson and Entze moved and seconded approval of the minutes from the August 23, 2016 Commissioner Meeting. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

Commissioners Nelson and Sutich moved and seconded a motion to approve Blanket Vouchers 161299-161387 in the amount of \$302,769.69 and payroll vouchers 161388-161410 in the amount of \$1,251,010.22 for a total consideration of \$1,553,779.91. With no further discussion, the motion carried.

There were no changes to the Agenda.

At this time the 2016 volunteer recruit class was asked to come forward to receive their District Badges. During the formal pinning ceremony, Chief Burgess introduced our new Volunteer Firefighters Brennan Arnold, Garyn Doering, Mark Johnson, Nate Robertson, Kevin McDermott and Harry Sisson.

Chief Burgess updated the Board on the following:

- A first draft read of the 2017 Budget will be provided at the next meeting. The Maintenance and Operations Budget meeting was last week and Budget Requests will be reviewed next week. The fire levy has gone up for 2017; the 2016 levy came in at \$12.3 million and the 2017 levy is projecting at \$13.6 million. The EMS levy continues to drop and will be at \$0.418 from the \$0.50 levy.

- We are full speed ahead with the public education portion of the EMS Levy Lid Lift; a fact sheet has been sent out and is available at the front desk at Station 50 and 51 as well as on our website and Facebook page. The brochure is set to hit mailboxes the week of October 1 and there will be an On Scene published in the paper as well.
- CCN fees have been an ongoing concern and continue to rise. SS911 has sent out a 10-point plan; the County Chiefs will be sending a letter asking CCN to adopt the plan which would preserve the price point for 3 years. Commissioner Sutich thanked Chief Burgess for his work on this matter.

A/Chief Bjurstrom updated the Board on the following:

- We are beginning a hiring process and hope to establish a hiring list for 2017. Firefighter B. Stokke is leaving our department and due to the SAFER Grant rules his position must be filled within 6 months. There may be some retirement announcements in December for 2017 as well and N. Tatom's position may be an internal hire. The list will be available in January 2017. We have advertised for FF/EMT and FF/PM on indeed.com, Daily Dispatch, and our website. So far we have 94 shares on Facebook and the ad has reached over 10,000 people.

D. Weyn updated the Board on the following:

- On September 19, Elizabeth Beck will begin a temporary 6-month contract with the District as a receptionist.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board on the following:

- The new Medic Unit, A17, is getting its final inspection on Friday.

A/Chief Nixon updated the Board on the following:

- Resources were sent out last night to Goldendale, WA for a 3,000 acre wildfire. We sent out 7 people including 4 career and 3 volunteers along with B55 and T55.

Standing Committee Reports

Research has been completed on insurance renewal rates for the Admin Division and we will request a meeting with the committee members to choose an affordable plan for 2017.

Old Business

Chairman Duncan updated the Board on the Sprinkler Ordinance; the City composed an offer to offset costs to the Builders Council. We are awaiting their response or counter-offer.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Public Comment

There was no Public Comment.

District #5 Member Comment

There was no District #5 Member Comment.

Good of the Order

Chairman Duncan informed the Board of the passing of former District volunteer firefighter and outstanding member of our community, Fred Oldenburg. Fred was a volunteer firefighter from 1980-1988 and a huge supporter of the fire department. He put in countless hours volunteering in our community and he will be greatly missed. A memorial service for Fred will be held on Sunday, September 18 at 4:00 pm at Chapel Hill.

A/Chief Watson updated the Board that Dale Togstad will be leading a grassroots effort to make a 9/11 memorial at Station 50 under the three flag poles. We have roughly \$10,000 from community donations to work with.

Chairman Duncan announced the signing of documents.

Special Interests/Upcoming Events

A/Chief Nixon shared that we had a successful Crunch Time program this year with 74 participants, coming from as far as Hawaii.

Chief Burgess shared that there was a 9/11 memorial sunrise service held on the 15th anniversary last Sunday with Mike Metters playing bagpipes and volunteers from Crunch Time attending.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m. No further business was introduced and the motion carried. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday September 27, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Attest: District Secretary

Chairman Commissioner

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