

YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2023

A. Call to Order: 18:30

B. Roll Call: Commissioner Brad Helms, Commissioner Dan Boyle, Commissioner Rex Reed, Chief Jim Lange, Secretary Christine Willis

C. Approval of Minutes: March 14, 2023, Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve by Commissioner Helms, 2nd by Commissioner Boyle, all in favor, approved.

D. General Business:

1. Financial Report:

a. Deposits:

b. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....	\$ 302,848.03
(2) Fire Inv. Pool	\$ 1,848,150.00
(3) EMS Fund.....	\$ 29,272.28
(4) EMS Inv. Pool.....	\$ 33,530.00

c. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) Yakima County Treasurer (191420-33007).....	\$ 1,891.12
(2) Yakima County Treasurer (161614-41003).....	\$ 23.50
Total Expense	\$ 1,914.62

E. Unfinished Business:

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – *Chief Lange stated ALS has filed grievance about award; Joe Brusich has reviewed and stands by his decision. A complaint has been sent to Board for review and is pending response. Negotiations with AMR are almost complete, pending ALS complaint response. Commissioner Boyle asked who is going to hold AMR accountable and Chief Lange stated that the County Commissioners will review the contract, however, possible to go to 911 or EMS Board to make sure standards are met.*

Staffing – *City Administrator wanted Chief Lange to take a resolution to the Council for the hiring of 4 firefighters. Chief Lange reminded the City Administrator that per the Joint Agreement the hiring was Chief Lange's job and City Council is to approve the budget adjustment at a later date. There is an old city ordinance from 1940 that states hiring of firefighters will be appointed by the Chief and approved by Council; Chief Hanna and Chief Lange have turned in suggested edits which have gone nowhere. Chief Lange, as an informational item, reminded City Council that he already spoke to them about the hiring and they, along with the Mayor, were on board and the hiring will continue with Chief Lange and he will then submit the budget adjustments and this was agreed to. There is enough money in the expenditure account to sustain as long as Chief*

Lange has projected, so no money needs to be transferred from one fund to another. Chiefs' interviews are still in progress.

F. New Business:

No new business.

G. Chief's Report:

Rental House— AMR and Central Washington Properties are in negotiations of an agreement. On south side of rental, there is no curb cut for ambulance access to the street so Chief Lange picked up permits and stated once the agreement is completed between the parties, he would like to move forward with access, Commissioners are in agreement.

Grants – Received DNR Grant for Phase 1, Safer Grant is out and Chief Lange is hopeful but not awarded yet, AFG Grant, Legends Grant and BLM Grant not awarded yet. Asked for training facility on the DOD Grant, received good feedback from Government last year so the Grant was written with their suggestions in mind. DOD Grant does not include some of the things needed such as permits, engineering, electrical and water run to the building which will need to be paid in house.

County ARPA – Commissioner McKinney stated they are waiting on the agreement which is supposed to go out at the end of April. A portal is being set up for fire chiefs to do their own reporting.

Capital Improvement Plan – Updated and sent out.

Deputy Chief Gillie – Graduated Managing Officer Program through the fire academy.

Station 26 Fencing – Fencing companies have not been able to come out.

Inspections Fee Schedule – Unable to move forward until all Selah Municipal Codes are in place.

Radio Surplus – Working on the surplus of the old radios, asked Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Boyle if they had any suggestions as no one in our area needs radios. Chief Lange already spoke to Chief Clark at Nile/Cliffdell and they do not need. Dollar values from Joey Weedin: 92 portables with chargers, lapel mikes, charging bases, 13 mobiles with mounting brackets and hardware, \$125/each for used portables, \$275/each for used mobiles, total package comes to \$16,725.00. Realistic price possibly half of total. Commissioner Reed and Commissioner Boyle suggested calling Chief James Cleveland from Garfield One, Blue Mountain One, Klickitat County, or Adams County.

Commissioners' Report:

Commissioner Boyle asked if there were any updates on the generator. Chief Lange spoke to Tony at the CWPP meeting and he has heard nothing new.

Commissioner Helms mentioned that YakCorps amended bylaws to give Spillman access to new forensics lab coming to Sunnyside. City of Yakima is not wanting to agree or work together. Commissioner Reed has been working with Forbes Mercy from Washington Broadband, on the radio infrastructure on Cowiche Mountain, there are some issues. Received some grant dollars, but there are issues with the tower and issues with Washington Broadband as they do not like the improvements suggested. Fish and Wildlife does not want a new radio site on their land. Commissioner Reed stated that he will be traveling home on May 9th and will be weather dependent whether he is at the next meeting on time, might need one of the other Commissioners to start the meeting for him.

Secretary's Report:

No new business.

H. Public Comment:

No new business.

I. Adjournment: *19:01*

Next Meeting: May 9, 2023, SFD Sta. 21, 6:30 PM