

YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, July 9, 2024

- A. Call to Order: 18:30
- B. Roll Call: *Commissioner Rex Reed, Commissioner Dan Boyle, Chief Jim Lange, Deputy Chief Scott Willis, Secretary Christine Willis, Commissioner Brad Helms(18:42)*
- C. Approval of Minutes: *June 11, 2024, Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve by Commissioner Boyle, 2nd by Commissioner Reed, all in favor, approved.*

D. General Business:

1. Financial Report:

a. Deposits:

(1)\$ 0.00

b. Fund Balances:

(1) Expense Fund.....\$ 602,699.51
 (2) Fire Inv. Pool\$ 1,948,150.00
 (3) EMS Fund..... \$ 118,658.51
 (4) EMS Inv. Pool..... \$ 28,530.00
 (5) Fire Reserve Fund.....\$ 41.47
 (6) Fire Reserve Inv Pool.....\$ 1,328.00

c. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) State Auditors Office.....\$ 278.20

Total Expense \$ 278.20

Fund monies moved to investments will show on July’s Investment printouts.

E. Unfinished Business:

Single Ambulance Provider RFP, Concerns For Ambulance Responses Update – *Approved by City Council, implementation date is September 10, 2024.*

Retirement Pension Benefits Increase – *Commissioner Reed has not received any response, take off agenda for now.*

Station 22 Repairs –*Mr. Helms accepted the bid and started on project, mud on walls, supposed to be out today to sand and paint, insulation done.*

Station 28 Property – *Chief Lange spoke to Rod, trying to trade the surface water for the ground water, would like to revisit access water source and power in trade for the property to make sure all are still on the same page. The well is labeled residential, Rod does not know if he can irrigate with it, still going to have to trade surface water rights. Going to run power, already purchased transformer for the pole, pour the pad, put in fill station with gate/key, Rod wanted to make sure Commissioners are still ok with the trade of the property for all of that work. Commissioners*

support, Rod will be having contract drawn up by his attorney for proposal. Chief Lange would like to have a small adjustment on the drawings for the pad.

F. New Business:

Boundary Line Change – Chief Lange would like to readdress the boundary line change due to a new fire on LT Murray. Commissioner Reed said he would like to look at the map after Chief Lange gets it drawn up to make sure all are in agreement.

G. Chief's Report:

Station 24 & 26 Generators – Unable to receive any response back.

FEMA Grant – FEMA will not pay for infrastructure for pad and fence for the old generators we currently have, will only pay if it is for brand new generators. Chief Lange would like to continue with the old generators and obtain bids until/if we receive the new generators, then can reassess, at this time it should be close to match. Next Thursday with District 12, Nile, District 2 and OEM there will be a meeting with FMAG to tell them what they think of the program issues. Commissioner Boyle reminded Chief Lange of the \$18,000 Grant that could be used for the old generators.

Rental Property – Driveway approach is currently being worked on, irrigation line under was cut, fix will cost about \$5,000.

Station 21 - A/C units upstairs/downstairs at Station 21 went out, in need of replacing both. Due to the age, furnace will need to be done at the same time as the A/C units. Might have to replace ducting, building built around system in the shop, roof is going to need to be replaced soon so might want to do roof at the same time since roof will need to be cut to get unit out. There is money in reserves, but the cost might wipe that out. Verbal quotes were around \$15,000 per unit plus labor, does not include furnace, possibly \$50,000-\$80,000, pending written quotes.

US Cellular – Has not received contract back yet from US Cellular after the requested change by Chief Lange. Chief Lange had zoom meeting today with US Cellular, Yakima County Building and Code Enforcement to make sure all easements/lines and distance are correct. County Code is requiring US Cellular to pave between south asphalt line to the gate of the tower, Chief Lange does not want asphalt in that location so County Code said to ask for a variance.

Yakima County Flood Control – Had a conversation with Yakima County Flood Control about Harlan Landing. Chief Lange told the representative that he is going to start charging if Selah Fire must go back for a fire due to how much money has already been spent fighting the fires there. Received call back today, Chief Lange will be meeting the county at Harlan Landing Wednesday and doing a walk around to discuss further.

H. Commissioners' Report:

State Auditor – Nothing filed for YCFD#2 since 2019. Commissioner Reed asked if Secretary Willis received all records from former secretary. Secretary Willis did receive, has not had a chance to go through everything. Amy from State Auditor would like to have a call with the secretary, Chief and one of the Commissioners. Commissioner Boyle has been appointed to call the auditor on the Commissioners' behalf. Secretary Willis will be working on 2020-2022 as requested by the State Auditor to catch up.

I. Secretary's Report:

No new business.

J. Public Comment:

No new business.

K. Good of the Order

Chief Lange Received budget numbers from 2023 last week from the city, does not agree with treasurer's ending number which is in Selah Fire's favor. Chief Lange brought up the difference to the treasurer and asked her to review and double check her ending balance as it does not match his. Starting budget process tomorrow with city staff, 183 calls over last year's to date and a lot of things are breaking this year which means money is going out. There are still issues with the city staff, there is no communication, among many other issues. Chief Lange and the other department heads have taken the issues directly to the Mayor multiple times with zero results. Selah Fire staff does not feel that Chief Lange is doing enough to correct the payroll issues, staff does not understand that the city staff/Mayor are not fixing. Bills are not getting paid, receiving late payment fees and interest on credit cards. Employee hired for the city payroll position is still learning so that is not helping the situation. The attorney and new city administrator have noticed that there are multiple things that the city has been doing that were never officially adopted, including the city paying for AD&D for the firefighters which has always been approved by city council. Chief Lange now must take back to the council to be adopted. Chief Lange told City Administrator he is no longer paying for the late fees and will put it as owed by the city as a line item.

L. Adjournment: 19:21

Next Meeting: August 13, 2024, SFD Sta. 21, 18:30 PM