

YCFD#2 Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes, October 8, 2024

- A. **Call to Order:** *18:30*
- B. **Roll Call:** *Commissioner Rex Reed, Commissioner Dan Boyle, Commissioner Brad Helms, Chief Jim Lange, Deputy Chief Scott Willis(via phone), Secretary Christine Willis(via phone)*
- C. **Approval of Minutes:** *September 12, 2024, Meeting Minutes; Motion to approve by Commissioner Reed, 2nd by Commissioner Helms, all in favor, approved.*

D. General Business:

1. Financial Report:

a. Deposits:

(1)\$ **0.00**

b. Fund Balances:

(1) **Expense Fund**.....\$ **551,068.81**
 (2) **Fire Inv. Pool**\$ **2,048,150.00**
 (3) **EMS Fund**..... \$ **110,037.52**
 (4) **EMS Inv. Pool**..... \$ **48,530.00**
 (5) **Fire Reserve Fund**.....\$ **52.47**
 (6) **Fire Reserve Inv Pool**.....\$ **1,328.00**

c. Review of Expense Vouchers:

(1) **Yakima County Elections**.....\$ **19,876.72**

Total Expense \$ 19,876.72

Chief Lange received a check in the mail for \$516.45 from Yakima County for ARPA Reimbursement. Secretary Willis to investigate this further for more detailed information.

E. Unfinished Business:

Joint Budget-October 10 – Commissioner Boyle would like to propose to Mayor Bell a short-term plan and a long-term plan, discuss the agreement. Mayor Bell wants budget approved by end of November for the City and will hopefully agree to our budget by Thursday. Chief Lange has come up with a new formula that is a lot more equal across the board. Commissioner Boyle wants to make modifications to the agreement, doesn't want to come to the table every 3 years, figure out 2025 budget first, then can start figuring solution out for long-term. Four options for long-term, continue with how it is, consolidated agreement providing service to the City, Annex City or RFA. Planning on going to voters in 2026 for levy. It's all going to come down to voter approval. Thursday discussion will be budget and future of the department on the agenda. Mayor Bell's proposal over 3 years, 7% in 2025, 6 ½% in 2026 and unsure of 2027 which would be a difference of \$2300 per employee lower per year and at end of those 3 years would still leave fire

department 9% lower than comparable. IF Mayor Bell doesn't agree to our proposal, next is city council discussion/debate, still no agreement then goes to arbitration.

Drill Incentive Purchase – Deputy Chief Willis has been working on purchase from Under Armour, 12 can soft cooler for \$55 and a 24 can soft cooler for \$75, price does not include embroidery. Prices are single order, hasn't received quote for quantity order. Prior year amount spent was \$6,113.54. Commissioners agree to the 24 can soft cooler with embroidery.

Consolidation Discussion – Built into budget discussion previously.

F. New Business:

Station 24 & 26 General Installation–Thunder Electric is the only company to meet Chief Lange at the property, just for Station 26, \$62,500 to hook up the generator. Unable to get anyone else to meet without proper scope of work written. Needs new panel as it is not to current code, trench around the building. Largest expense is the transfer switch, approximately \$15,000. Chief Lange is writing scope of work to send to other companies. Commissioners agree payment will come out of District's budget.

Department Budget Calculation – Already discussed prior in budget discussion in unfinished business, Chief Lange wanted to bring to the Commissioners prior to Thursday meeting, wanting to keep percentages equal with his formula.

G. Chief's Report:

Station 22 – Cost of only weir box and tunneling under the road was \$10,000, does not include the irrigation portion/power. Commissioners all agree to lease property. Rod's estimate was going to take 5-10 years to pay back.

Station 28 – Completed

Secretary Inbox – Chief Lange to put red envelope in inbox for secretary to pick up including the checks, receipts and claims.

Station 26 – Fencing pending on generators

Retirement Pension – Commissioner Reed has not heard any more on this.

US Cellular Contract – Contract was sent to US Cellular.

Station 21 HVAC System – No update. Need energy audit, couldn't get anyone out in time for the Grant. If system fails this winter, will have to do a budget adjustment.

Station 21 –MH Electric company contracted with PPL for LED light fixtures, will be doing quote for all stations.

H. Commissioners' Report:

No new business.

I. Secretary's Report:

No new business.

J. Public Comment:

No new business.

K. Good of the Order

L. Adjournment: 19:44

Next Meeting: November 12, 2024, SFD Sta. 21, 18:30