

**MOUNTAIN VIEW FIRE AND RESCUE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
JULY 26, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Commissioner Farrell called the regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 6:30pm.

PRESENT FROM MVFR

Commissioner Jim Farrell
Commissioner Don Gentry
Commissioner Cathie McKinney
Chief Greg Smith
Deputy Chief Dawn Judkins

Commissioners Seng and Fouts excused

Pledge of Allegiance, United States Flag.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Farrell asked for a motion, moved by Commissioner Gentry and seconded by Commissioner McKinney. Motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McKinney made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Carries unanimously.

ACCOUNT BALANCE

Commissioner Farrell asked if there were any questions Chief Smith said he will discuss the balance in his report. Commissioner McKinney-can we go over the numbers in the report at the budget meeting on the 15th? Chief Smith advises that is part of the plan for the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UNION COMMENT

Dustin-We are involved with the public as much as possible. The crews are working hard and this month we are doing lots of transports.

DEPUTY CHIEF'S REPORT

- A. Deputy Chief thanked the all who participated in the open houses. There wasn't a big turn out at the open house tonight, Station 96, due to the hot weather. The other open houses had lots of families. Thanks to Lisette for organizing all the giveaways and Chaplain Jeff for attending.
- B. Next Monday all 5 recruits will be starting with the department. Career Fire Fighter Cederwall is going to be an instructor at the consortium for the academy.
- C. The 5 fire fighters JATC 1B were completed. Glad to report there was good quality work and training. The Deputy Chief said training officers from other departments noticed their good work.
- D. Due to the hot weather no training was done outside, but completed in class or on-line. The deputy chief said we did not assist on the Cumber Bridge call, it is outside of our response area and special teams were involved. One social media request is to place signs from point a to point b and to put mile markers on the river. This could possibly be an Eagle Boy Scout Project or something the DNR could help with. Deputy Chief Judkins received good feedback on the Whitney Bridge Sign. Commissioner McKinney said signs near the Neely Mansion about log jams are in a busy area and are working.

FINANCE REPORT: Second half of July

- A. Chief Smith reported on the expenses for the two week period. It was an expensive month with St. 96 roofing needs, cash outs, and retirements. The accounts are low and we need to stretch the funds until October . Chief Smith stated the yearly average monthly expense doesn't include the fire apparatus.
- B. The monthly bills are \$500k, we will transfer more money from the reserves. but we have no more income until October.
- C. Deputy Chief Judkins, Patty, and I had a two hour meeting discussing the mid year budget adjustment. We'll discuss the budget more in-depth at the 8/15 meeting.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- 1. Chief Smith reported on the two week incident breakdown for the area. We experienced a busy two weeks with an increase in incident numbers
- 2. Chief Smith reminded the commissioners to vote for the mission and vision statements. The email was already sent out.
- 3. The new engine is in service at St. 92.
- 4. Covid-19 hospitalizations are up with a 10% increase. Not sure how accurate the numbers of covid cases are from this report.
- 5. Chief Smith attended the Muckleshoot Council Meeting, but they were only passing resolutions.
- 6. Summary of the Greenfield Site-join two fire districts and have the Muckleshoot Council and Enumclaw and Black Diamond comment together. Commissioner Farrell said this is a great topic for the August meeting with the Black

Diamond City Council. Commissioner Gentry said it's more logical to build the site in Thurston County.

7. We have the ballot issue for the Primary Election. Some signs are missing. Results will be posted on August 2. Commissioner McKinney when the board is talking to the public about the ballot issues we can't say Commissioner..., but just our names, to support the fire fighters and get out to vote.
8. Chief Smith said about 45-50 people attended the open houses, but St. 96 maybe had 4-5 due to the extremely hot weather. The burn ban is in effect until Labor Day. Fire Fighter Godwin and Johnson passed the JATC 1B test. We participated in 2 active shooter drills at the White River Amphitheater.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. IT and VHF Systems Committee Report-Deputy Chief Judkins said they are still working through challenges with office 365. It's not seamless yet, but still working on back up person for Joe Lorenze. After the report with Paul, we'll hire a contract worker to continue the project.
2. 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Update-Chief Smith already gave the update.
3. New Fire Fighter Hire-Deputy Chief Judkins we'll start to reserve two spots for the next round at the academy. We may have more spots depending on who else retires. Interviewing will take place in September, along with volunteer fire recruitment.
4. Levy Lid Lift Update-Commissioner McKinney said please vote.
5. District Real Properties-Commissioner McKinney we would want a public hearing first prior to closing or selling any fire station. We need to get names for people to do an appraisal to get a good value. Need to look at St. 93 and how it's zoned to see if would sell as a residential or commercial property, and would it be tax exempt. Commissioner Gentry spoke with a colleague at Puget Sound Fire about the Cisco phone layout, and would provide help with the system.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Meeting with Black Diamond Council August 11, 2022, (Discussion)-What issues should be on the agenda? 1. The new airport 2. Trigger points for when things are going to happen, such as a new fire station, and 55 and older community. 3. Tell us about the Lawson Hills Fire Station 4. Quote for the aid car and pending engine 5. Need staff new station. 6. Planning for a levy lid lift, when and how? These questions need to be asked within the next two weeks. Chief Smith is working with 3 council members and they seem to be on track-with the increase in impact fees in the city code would raise fees on residential. Chief Smith said once the questions are received he'll put them into a document.
- B. Deputy Chief Judkins stated looking to the future Pierce's new engine will be around \$700-900k. The city is no longer rural, but becoming more urban and will need 12 staff for spring and fall. This is for the 2024 academy and the entire city council needs to hear this. They will need staff, and engines, and the city administrator to get things done. Deputy Chief Judkins said the new station will need furnishings ranging from \$300k for a large

facility. Chief Smith will work on the list, so please send them anymore ideas in advance. Deputy Chief Judkins asked what do they want from us as well? This will help to provide the level of service they want. Chief Smith advised that Andy and legal have been assigned to work on contractual issues for Lawson Hills Station.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

1. Commissioner McKinney-Thank you to the union and Deputy Chief Judkins for all their work with the open houses.
2. Commissioner Gentry-Is the full time advisor with IT and Finance with South King. He has the full support to wear both hats with the board of commissioners and SKFR.

BOARD MEETING ADJOURN

Moved to adjourn the meeting by Commissioner McKinney seconded by Commissioner Gentry. Motion carried unanimously at 7:20 pm.

Joanne Seng (Position #1)
(Excused Absence)

Cathie Valentine-McKinney (Position #2)

Jacob Fouts (Position #3)
(Excused Absence)

James Farrell, Chair (Position #4)

Don Gentry (Position #5)

Sarah Stidman, District Secretary