

# Board of Commissioners Meeting

February 9, 2022

Vice-Chairperson Hallanger called a regular Board of Commissioners meeting to order via zoom at 5:30pm. The following attended:

Commissioner Headley	Commissioner Olson
Commissioner Hutcheson	Chief Neves
DC Sanders	DC Huff
FA Ballinger	

## Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting:

*A motion was made by Commissioner Hutcheson to approve the January 12, 2022, board meeting minutes with an edit. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## Public Comments:

None

## Awards & Recognition:

None

## Verbal Reports:

**911 Public Authority:** Commissioner Headley reported on staffing levels, radio tower sites and the Executive Director search.

## Written Reports:

None

## Action Items:

**Surplus Ambulance (Staff Report 2-1-001):** Staff is recommending the surplus of ambulance AC04 (VIN# 1FDXE4FS7BDBO1561). It has mechanical issues and is the oldest in our fleet.

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to surplus AC04 at the discretion of the Chief. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

## Chief's Report:

- Demo starts on 02/21/22 at 601 Grade St. It will take approximately one week to complete. The main parking lot will be closed during this time.
- Met with Jamie Herrera-Butler's office today to discuss issues the fire service faces.

- Planet Fitness donated gym equipment for our stations.
- Matt Beaulaurier will be promoted to Lieutenant effective 02/26/22. Congratulations Matt!
- Hiring list has been posted and staff is working on hiring and filling current vacancies.
- The Driver/Operator list has been posted.
- HVAC is complete up front at station 21. Still need to complete the HVAC in the crew's quarters.
- Terabonne contacted us about potential tower at station 23 and they believe they may have found another company that is interested. However, just like the last company, this new one is not comfortable with leaving a spot open for emergency services as it takes away from generating revenue. The Board is okay with preliminarily pursuing negotiations with the potential new interested party.
- Our current regular levy rate is at \$.97 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Potential revenue options for different levy rate increases by a lid lift was distributed at the meeting for information and discussion. A meeting with the citizen's committee is tomorrow and staff will report back to the Board at the next meeting with their recommendation.

### **Payroll:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve payroll totaling \$280,867.23 for warrant numbers 62409-62417 and EFT's dated January 20, 2022 and \$284,543.02 for warrant numbers 62474-62484 and EFT's dated February 4, 2022. Commissioner Headley seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Vouchers:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Headley to approve vouchers totaling \$171,118.76 for warrant numbers 62418-62467 dated January 28, 2022, \$39,900.70 for warrant numbers 62485-62523 dated February 11, 2022 and VOID warrant 61908 on 01/21/22 for \$85.83 due to being lost. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Drill Points:**

*A motion was made by Commissioner Olson to approve drill points totaling \$14,260.98 for warrant numbers 62468-62473 and EFT's dated January 31, 2022. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. No further discussion. Motion carried.*

### **Announcements:**

- District Dinner will be on March 19 at the Kelso Elks.

### **Adjournment:**

*Meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson at 6:14pm.*

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Commissioner

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District Secretary