

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

August 14, 2018

Minutes

Commissioners present: Rick Moore, Tommy Green, Jack Wilson, and Bob Wagner

Commissioners absent: Mike Buckingham

Staff present: Chief Kevin Sasser; Division Chiefs Joe D'Agostino, Matt Taylor, and Kathryn Wagner; Marie Wilbur

Present: Attorney Dana "D.C." Matthews, II

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m. He announced Commissioner Buckingham's absence. A quorum was present.

Employee Recognition

Chief Sasser presented a Challenge Coin to Firefighter Eli Parker in recognition of completing his probationary year of service with the Destin Fire Control District. Commissioners extended their thanks for Firefighter Parker's service and their congratulations.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes for the regular meeting of July 10, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financials

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for the month ended July 31, 2018. After brief review, Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the financial statements for July 31, 2018 as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. West End of District Station

Chief Sasser reported that the Destin City Council met on Monday August 6, 2018. The Parks & Recreation Department presented for approval, a recommendation for a \$750,000 grant for

renovation of the Clement Taylor Park, which did not include the proposed fire station in the recommendation. After discussion, the Council did not act on the recommendation. They requested that the Harbor Community Redevelopment Agency and Parks & Recreation Department meet on Monday, August 20, 2018 to discuss and develop the recommendation, prior to the City Council meeting. Chief plans to attend and asked if the Commissioners would attend, as well. He hopes to present letters from descendants of Clement Taylor expressing their support of the fire station being located at the park. He stated that the Council seemed positive but felt there were some concerns. Chief feels he has addressed their concerns so far.

b. 2017/2018 Budget Funds for District 175 Payment

Chief Sasser reported that a decision should be made in regard to the pay down on the Retirement Fund contribution that has been held and whether this should be made in September as planned. Division Chief Wagner reported that an actuarial analysis, as requested by the Trustees of the Retirement Board, was completed and showed a cost of \$36,000 per ten basis point of reduction. The Trustees do not meet until August 27, 2018 so, at this time, this Board doesn't know what their recommendation will be regarding the annual rate of return.

Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve making the budgeted pay down as planned. Commissioner Wilson seconded. After further brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Chief Reports

a. Beach Safety Report

Division Chief D'Agostino reported the busiest season to date with statistics surpassing previous years in almost all categories. He reviewed statistics as of August 13, 2018. The Junior Lifeguard Program ended on August 3rd and was a success again this year. The Destin Lifeguard team placed 5th in the B Team Open at the Nautica USLA National Lifeguard Championships at Virginia Beach, Virginia this month. Chief Sasser added a new report showing Fire/Rescue Boat Crab Island Statistics.

b. Training Report

Chief Sasser reported 21 hours of training completed for each shift during the month of July.

c. Inspection Report

Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report for July, announcing that Legacy Lifestyles of Destin should be breaking ground shortly. New plans have been received for the planned Henderson Beach Storage Facility.

d. Response Change Report

Chief Sasser reviewed response times and call breakdowns between Stations 9 and 10. He also reviewed graph breakdowns and the Call History for the month of July.

e. Overtime Report

Chief Sasser reviewed the Overtime Report for July which reflects firefighter absence coverage which are mainly for school and clinical hours.

New Business

a. Amendment No. 1 to – Contract #C18-2667-TDD

This amendment is to the FY 2017-2018 Beach Services Contract to represent the approved increase in funding to include Norriego Point coverage, Holiday Isle coverage and the additional equipment needed for that coverage. After brief discussion, Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Amendment No. 1 to Contract #C18-2667-TDD as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

b. Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County for Beach Services for FY 2018-2019

There was discussion and review of the presented contract. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Okaloosa County for Beach Services for FY 2018-2019 as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

c. Budget Workshop – 3rd Presentation

Division Chief Wagner reviewed the changes to the draft from the 2nd budget presentation at the last meeting in the areas of ad valorem tax, education, staffing, uniforms, supplies and capital expenditures for building improvements. She stated beach safety expenses were adjusted for additional funding of personnel, and the junior lifeguard program was added.

Commissioner Moore attended the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast where it was announced that it is planned to plant Oak Trees on the median of Airport Road in honor of the 11 military personnel lost in a 2015 aircraft crash in the Sound off of Eglin Air Force Base. They would like to have fire personnel and equipment there as part of the ceremony. Date will be forthcoming. Chief Sasser and the Commissioners were in support of this.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore reminded the Board that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. with a tentative Budget Hearing planned to precede it at 5:01 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.