

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

November 13, 2018

Minutes

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

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. Chairman Moore welcomed Commissioner Wilson back after an extended absence. He congratulated Commissioner Wagner on maintaining his seat on the Board following the recent elections. He also extended thanks to everyone for their help in receiving, sorting and transporting items for the ongoing donation drive to aid Hurricane Michael victims.

Public Comments

None

Review of Minutes

The minutes for the Tentative Budget Hearing and for the Regular Meeting of September 11, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Wagner seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

The minutes for the Final Budget Hearing of September 19, 2018 were presented. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Green seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financials

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for year-end September 30, 2018 and month end October 31, 2018. After brief review, Commissioner Wilson made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Commissioner Wagner seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. West End of District Station

Chief Sasser reported on meetings and discussions with architect Scott Jenkins who did the original plan for the Clement Taylor Park. He has agreed to draw a plan for the city showing the park plot, not including the station area, and another showing the proposed station and dock. Once the drawings are completed a meeting will be scheduled with the original committee to review the plans.

b. Appointment of Pension Board Trustee – Seat 4

Chief Sasser discussed the meetings that he and Commissioner Moore had with candidates Clayton Hicks and Jared O’Neal. Paul Rice was contacted but did not respond for an interview. Chief Sasser Mr. O’Neal’s investment background would be more suitable to this position. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to extend an offer for the position to Mr. O’Neal, with a second by Commissioner Green. After discussion, Commissioner Wagner amended his original motion to extend the offer to Mr. Hicks should Mr. O’Neal decline the offer. Commissioner Green seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

Chief Reports

a. Beach Safety Report

Division Chief D’Agostino reported on the USLA training course for the district’s firefighters. He stated 2018 set a record for highest beach attendance and highest total rescues. Additional discussion regarding the staffing plans for Norriego Point occurred.

b. Training Report

Chief Sasser reviewed the training report and stated training hours for October included the smoke/aircraft training held at Hurlburt Field.

c. Inspection Report

Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report. He stated that over 1,000 children were reached during Fire Prevention Month in October. He noted that Inspector Morris did an outstanding job as presenter for the children’s programs. He also noted that there are several new construction projects that are moving forward.

d. Response Change Reports

Chief Sasser reviewed the reports stating that both September and October were normal months and that the average response time has improved a bit in 2018 over 2017. Division of calls still runs around 65/35 between stations 9 and 10.

e. Overtime Report

Chief Sasser reviewed the Overtime Reports for September and October noting the increase in October for Hurricane Michael coverage.

New Business

a. Other Post-Employment Benefit Report for Fiscal Year Ended 9/30/2018 (OPEB)

Division Chief Wagner reported the report as prepared by Foster & Foster. Commissioner Green made a motion to the report as presented. Commissioner Wagner seconded. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

b. Interlocal Agreement – City of Destin for Beach Services for Fiscal Year Ending 9/30/2019

Chief Sasser presented the Beach Safety and Lifeguard Services updated agreement with the City for the 2019 season, noting little change. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the

agreement as presented. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously.

c. Resolution 19-01 – Declare Beach Safety ATVs, UTV and Waverunner Obsolete

Chief Sasser presented Resolution 19-01 for approval, noting that this equipment is in the usual rotation for replacement. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 19-01, with a second by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

d. Resolution 19-02 – Declare Beach Safety Assets Obsolete

Chief Sasser presented Resolution 19-02 for approval, with Division Chief D'Agostino noting the condition of the various assets. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve Resolution 19-02, with a second by Commissioner Wilson. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

e. Increase Budget for Purchase of New Engine

Chief Sasser requested an increase of approximately \$40,000 for the capital acquisition of the new fire truck, due to increased tariffs on steel and aluminum. The Board provided consensus and Division Chief Wagner stated budget adjustment would be presented at mid-year and the additional funds will be found within the current budget.

Chief Sasser asked for consideration of an item not on the agenda. In discussion with Commissioner Buckingham, it was felt that as a gesture of support for Emerald Coast Fitness, we increase the amount we are now paying for use of their pool (currently \$5,000) to \$10,000. After discussion, Chief was directed to come back to the Board at their next meeting with additional information.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore reminded the Board that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.