

DESTIN FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

Main Station

848 Airport Road
Destin, Florida 32541

February 12, 2019

Minutes

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

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

Also present: Attorney Dana "D.C." Matthews, II

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m. He reviewed the use of "Public Comment" during the meeting in response to questions from the public at the last meeting.

Public Comments

Patricia DeFrenza of Destin commented on wanting the reinstatement of the District's auto-response to 911 calls and would like to see hiring of new personnel that already were Paramedic certified. She would also like to see either moving the existing scheduled BLS/CPR classes or adding a Saturday class to the existing schedule so that it is more convenient for working people.

Presentation of Health Insurance Options

David Barton of Acentria Insurance was present to explain the new United Healthcare policy under consideration. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to accept United Healthcare – Florida Choice – Plan AQOG – RX Plan: 125 and adding Commissioners to the plan, if they so choose, at their expense. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 8, 2019 were presented. Commissioner Buckingham requested that the minutes be amended under Old Business – West End Fire Station – to correct it from "the proposed **fire station**" to read "the proposed **park**" in the first line. Commissioner Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Commissioner Wilson seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner presented the financial statements for January 31, 2019. After brief discussion, Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the financial statements as presented. Commissioner Buckingham seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

a. West End of District Station

Chief Sasser reported that the Department of Treasury has approved the preliminary drawings for the Clement Taylor Park. The County has gathered all required materials for the proposal and submitted them to the Department of Treasury and is waiting on a response. Commissioner Buckingham stated that once

the final approval comes to the City they would then need the final drawings for the station. The City will need to approve the exterior and Chief will work with the staff on the interior requirements.

Chief Reports

a. Beach Safety Report

Division Chief D'Agostino reported that training is in progress with the new beach staff and the season opens on March 9th. The new beach towers are ordered and are under construction.

b. Training Report

Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for January with 22 hours of training provided per shift. Commissioner Buckingham met with the City's building official and discussed having those who apply for demo permits be made aware that the District would be open to using their demolitions for training purposes. General consensus of the Board requested that Chief Sasser write a letter to the City's Building Department asking if this arrangement could be made and presented to permit applicants.

c. Inspection Report

Division Chief Taylor presented the Inspection Report. He noted that he is still waiting on two large projects that he has approved to move forward.

d. Response Change Report

Chief Sasser and Division Chief Wagner are still working on reviewing numbers for these reports and will present their findings at the next meeting.

e. Overtime Report

Chief Sasser reported that overtime for January was low. He stated the Paramedic students have graduated at the college and are pending state exam. They were exceptional students and he is very proud of them all.

New Business

a. Employment Agreement for Chief Sasser

Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to approve Addendum No. 2 to Employment Agreement for Chief Kevin Sasser beginning April 1, 2019 for an additional five (5) year term. Commissioner Wagner seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Wagner extended thanks to Chief Sasser for his outstanding service to the District with consensus from the Board.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting of the Board will be held on March 12, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.