

Agenda Item

Subject: Review of Minutes – Regular meeting – November 7, 2022

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

Commissioner absent: Jack Wilson

Staff present: Chief Sasser, Division Chiefs Matt Taylor and Kathryn Wagner; Tammy Peacock

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore at 5:30 p.m.

Employee Recognitions

Chief Sasser presented to the Board and announced the promotion of Firefighter Mike Perea to the rank of Engineer and Engineers T.J. Buchanan and Brian Weiland to the rank of Captain. Chief Sasser presented them with their helmet shield and thanked them all for their dedication and commitment to the District. Chief Sasser also introduced new hire Garrett Hubbard and welcomed him to the team.

Public Comments

None

Chief Reports

a. Beach Safety Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Beach Safety Report for October 2022 and advised the Board that he will be meeting with Division Chiefs Joe D’Agostino and Kathryn Wagner prior to negotiating the 2023/2024 budget with the Tourist Development Council.

Discussion ensued on the need for full time lifeguards responding year-round, the costs associated and the City of Destin’s funding shortfall. Commissioner Buckingham requested Board permission for him and Chief Sasser to meet with the City of Destin to discuss year-round service and associated costs. The Board okayed the meeting.

b. Training Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Training Report for October 2022.

c. Inspection Report – Division Chief Taylor reviewed the Inspection Report for October 2022 and advised the Board that during Fire Prevention Month Fire Prevention made contact with more than 1000 children educating them on fire safety.

d. Overtime Report – Chief Sasser reviewed the Overtime Report for October 2022 and the affect the deployment for Hurricane Ian had on payroll.

Review of Minutes

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 11, 2022 were presented. Commissioner Green made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Buckingham. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Review of Financial Report

Division Chief Wagner advised the Board year-end is still being finalized and presented the financial statement for October 31, 2022. Commissioner Buckingham made a motion to approve the financial statement, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.


Old Business

- a. West End of District Station – Commissioner Buckingham advised the Board that construction should be complete in the next few days and Mr. Black will be calling for a Certificate of Occupancy. Commissioner Buckingham also noted that the driving surface needs to be paved and he has received a quote to asphalt the area for \$35,000.00. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to give Chief Sasser the authority to prepare a change order for up to \$35,000.00 to the original order for paving Station 19.
- b. Re-Inspection Fees – Attorney DC Matthews requested the Board give the first (1st) reading of Resolution 23-02 and noted that the second (2nd) reading will occur in December. Chairman Moore read and entered Resolution 23-02 into the minutes for the first (1st) reading in a public setting.

New Business

- a. Other Postemployment Benefits Report September 30, 2022 – Division Chief Wagner reviewed the mandated liability which the District must carry on the financial reports for the Other Post-Employment Benefits. Commissioner Wagner motioned to approve the Other Postemployment Benefits Program Valuation for the period ending September 30, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Dock at 127 Calhoun Avenue – Commissioner Buckingham stated that he will have something for the Board to review at the December meeting.
- c. Renewal and Amendment No. 1 Storage Agreement for ATV with Okaloosa County – Attorney DC Matthews reviewed the agreement and noted that the change will extend the storage agreement for the full year unless either party terminates the agreement with a 30-day notice. Commissioner Buckingham motioned to approve the agreement, seconded by Commissioner Green. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.
- d. Station 19 Beach Safety Jet Ski and Trailer – Chief Sasser advised the Board that Okaloosa County does not have a piggyback clause to allow the District to utilize their contract for purchasing the jet ski. Attorney DC Matthews noted that he could contact the County and then follow-up with a letter to Okaloosa County requesting to piggyback on the County's contract. The Board okayed the correspondence.

Chairman Moore notified the Board that the property beside Station 10 should close soon. Attorney DC Matthews noted that he will provide Chief Sasser with the survey cost for approval prior to closing.



Commissioner Buckingham proposed a bonus for non-negotiating members of the District. No action was taken. Commissioner Buckingham requested the item be placed on the December agenda.

Next Meeting

Chairman Moore announced that the next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

