

PLEASE NOTE: MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE FIRE COMMISSION.

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 08-16-2022 – 5:30 PM

PRESENT FOR THE MEETING WERE: Hanks, Cole, Keaton, Wilson, Dickerson, and Sutherland.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Hanks. Invocation was given by Mr. Cole.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE 07/19/2022 COMMISSION MEETING:

MOTION: Motion to approve minutes of the Commission Meeting 07/19/2022 was made by Mr. Keaton; 2nd by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA – 08/16/2022:

MOTION: Motion to approve the Agenda of the Commission Meeting 08/16/2022 was made by Mr. Keaton; 2nd by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.

VISITORS:

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) PERSONNEL:

2) FINANCE:

A) 2021-2022 AUDIT:

Mr. Cole announced the entrance conference/meeting was held with the Auditors on Monday August 8th. Implemented in FY 22 "Leases" term leases more than one year to be treated as a liability.

3) PURCHASING:

4) RULES & REGULATIONS:

A) COMMISSION BY-LAWS:

Mr. Hanks announced copies were emailed to each Commissioner. A meeting will be scheduled.

5) MAINTENANCE:

6) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

7) COMMUNICATIONS:

A) DISPATCH:

Mr. Keaton announced dispatch was transferred to Central Dispatch. Questions and concerns will be addressed to Assistant Chief Moon and Chief Sutherland. A complaint form will be available online soon.

8) ISO PLANNING COMMITTEE:

MOTIONS TO RECESS AND GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:

MOTION: *Motion was made by Mr. Cole to go into Executive Session; 2nd by Mr. Keaton and the vote were unanimous.*

MOTION: *Motion was made by Mr. Keaton to return to Open Session; 2nd by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1) PERSONNEL:

Mr. Hanks announced that Personnel was discussed. No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1) PERSONNEL:

Chief Sutherland announced taking applications for Maintenance. Fire Marshal will be leaving and will be taking applications.

2) FINANCE:

A) SCBA LEASE:

Mr. Cole announced the payoff statement was received from Community First National Bank. Total payoff amount 936,445.47, a savings of 23,588.25 if paid by August 27th. The annual payment amount is 320,011.24.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve payoff, cost 936,455.47; 2nd by Mr. Keaton.

Discussion: Mr. Dickerson recommended keeping the funds available for future capital outlay.

The motion failed, all opposed.

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to pay the annual payment, cost 320,011.24; 2nd by Mr. Keaton and the vote was unanimous.

3) **PURCHASING:**

MOTION: Motion on recommendation from the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Keaton to approve the annual payment to ESO Solutions, Inc. (formerly Emergency Reporting), Account 839, cost 45,384.47 and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation from the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Keaton to approve the purchase of (2000) Today's Hero Fire Safety Kits from Alert-All, Account 871, cost 3,240.00 and the vote was unanimous.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation from the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Keaton to approve the purchase of (2000) Fire Hats for Fire Prevention from Positive Promotions, Account 871, cost 1,360.00 and the vote was unanimous.

4) **RULES & REGULATIONS:**

5) **MAINTENANCE:**

A) **STATION COMPRESSORS:**

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to pay Safe Air Systems for routine service for Stations 13, 15 and 24, cost 3,125.25; 2nd by Mr. Dickerson and the vote was unanimous.

B) **TRAINING FACILITY MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

MOTION: Motion was made by Mr. Cole to pay the Training Facility 2022-2023 Membership dues, cost 30,955.00; 2nd by Mr. Keaton and the vote was unanimous.

6) **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:**

7) **COMMUNICATIONS:**

8) **ISO PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

DEPARTMENT REPORTING:

1) MAINTENANCE:

Zachary Arnold discussed the department report.

COMMENTS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF:

- 1) *Vendor waiting on material for Starr's truck.*
- 2) *Attended Firefighter Memorial.*
- 3) *Pierce Trucks in process. Possible delivery on 2 trucks by March.*

COMMENTS FROM THE CHIEFS' ADVISORY BOARD:

1) ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM:

Chief Branyon and Chief Hart addressed the Commission to discuss the Accountability System for the County Fire Service and for the support of the Commission. Meeting with all municipalities on August 30th.

MOTION: *Motion was made by Mr. Keaton to support the Accountability System for the County Fire Service; 2nd by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.*

OTHER BUSINESS:

- 1) *Chief Brock addressed the Commission regarding the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool and additional future trucks.*

Mr. Keaton announced the SCLGIP is to provide local governments maximum returns on investments by pooling available funds with other political subdivisions.

Mr. Keaton announced future trucks will be addressed.

- 2) *Mr. Cole recommended following up with the Attorney on the Anderson City Annexation.*

Mr. Keaton recommended adding the Annexation to the Rules & Regulations Agenda for their next meeting with the Attorney.

- 3) *Mr. Cole discussed the Firefighter Injuries in the Training Division Report. To all please keep in mind that Safety is first.*

- 4) *Mr. Keaton recommended changing the Commission Meeting time to 6:00 pm and Committee Meeting's 5:30 pm.*

MOTION: *Motion was made by Mr. Keaton to change the Commission meeting time to 6:00 pm with Committee Meeting's at 5:30 pm; 2nd by Mr. Wilson and the vote was unanimous.*

- 5) Chief Ginn address the Commission to discuss adding Hopewell's compressor to the routine service.

Mr. Cole asked Zachary Arnold to follow-up on Hopewell's compressor.

COMMISSION ELECTION:

Tommy Keaton – Chairman
Mark Cole – Vice Chairman
Gerald Hanks – Treasurer

Mr. Hanks congratulated Mr. Keaton and Mr. Cole, then turned the meeting over to Mr. Keaton.

Mr. Keaton expressed appreciation.

ADJOURN.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

BY: Patti Ellison
Patti Ellison
Administrative Assistant

APPROVED BY:

Tommy Keaton
TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

Mark Cole
MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

Gerald Hanks
GERALD HANKS, TREASURER

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