

ANDERSON COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEETING 2/20/2024 – 5:30 pm

Minutes subject to approval by the Fire Commission

ORIGINAL

Present for the meeting were: Tommy Keaton, Charlie Dickerson, Gerald Hanks, Mark Cole, and Randy Wilson. Also present were Chief Jimmy Sutherland and Assistant Chief Brian Moon.

Chairman Keaton opened the meeting at 5:30 pm. Mr. Hanks offered the invocation.

MOTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the 1/16/2024 meeting was made by Mr. Dickerson. After a second by Mr. Cole, and all members approved.

MOTION: Motion by Mr. Hanks and second by Mr. Cole to approve the agenda of 2/20/2024, and all members approved.

Visitors: None

Old Business

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: None

Purchasing: None

Rules & Regulations: None

Maintenance: Mr. Wilson asked for an update on Station 8's antenna repair and Station 16's truck repair, and Chief Sutherland advised both have been fixed and Station 16's truck is now back in service.

Planning & Development: None

Communications: Mr. Wilson asked for an update on the grant, and Brian Moon advised he is getting all packets from municipalities and working on getting it in this week. He advised a benefit of the grant is two million at 10% max, for a total of \$2.2 million if the county matches \$200,000 on the grant.

Chairman Keaton advised he is also hoping to get a meeting set up with County Council and the Sheriff's Office sometime next week on Communications matters.

ISO Committee: none

MOTION: Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contracts was made by Mr. Wilson. Following a second by Mr. Hanks, all members approved.

MOTION: Motion to Return to Open Session was made by Mr. Hanks, with a second by Mr. Wilson, and all members were in favor.

Announcements to be made from Executive Session: Mr. Keaton advised contracts were discussed but no action was taken. Any information will be covered under new business.

New Business:

Committee Reports:

Personnel: None

Finance: Mr. Dickerson asked for an update on the audit process. Chief Sutherland advised all requested information has been sent by him, Brian, and Angie. He advised the first lease payment on the trucks has been made. Also, we need to set dates for the 2024/2025 budget, possibly a workshop by the end of March, if we could have a first draft by then. He expressed appreciation in getting the accounting reports on track from Greene Finney Cauley accounting firm in tracking revenues and expenditures to see where we are financially.

Purchasing:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Purchasing Committee was made by Mr. Hanks to approved the purchase of turnout gear in the amount of \$9,706.67, and the vote for approval was unanimous.

Rules & Regulations: Mr. Cole advised that Stations 23 bylaws will be tabled until the next meeting. Station 27's bylaws have been approved.

Maintenance:

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance committee was made by Mr. Wilson to approve Quarterly Air Tests from Safe Air in the amount of \$6,780.00 and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Dickerson advised they are holding on the cascade service until they find out a few more details and information on warranty, etc.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation of the Maintenance Committee was made by Mr. Wilson in the amount of \$3,585 for Aerial Safety Inspections (\$1195 per unit for Ladder 28, Ladder 7, and Ladder 109 as Ladder 20 is no longer in service), and the vote for approval was unanimous

Planning & Development: At the request of Mr. Dickerson, Chief Sutherland advised the first of the new trucks should be here mid-July, with six at a time coming afterwards, in every two-week intervals. They should all be here by the end of October, with the exception of the Ladder Truck. Mr. Dickerson also advised that a plan should be made on disposal of the old assets, and maybe reaching out to some advisors to do so. He also updated on the Headquarters Renovations, with construction likely lasting around six weeks on the front side of the building.

Chief Sutherland advised of a hole in the fence at the rear of Headquarters that needs to be addressed. Mr. Cole asked that all access and keys be in place before the gate is installed. Mr. Dickerson advised there will be a keypad for access.

MOTION: Motion on recommendation by the Planning & Development Committee was made by Mr. Cole to allow Zion Station 14 to use their station allotment funds (not county funds) to use \$33,000 for station upgrades for re-wiring and electrical upgrades, and the vote was unanimous for approval. Chief Sutherland advised all requirements have been met by the station to do so.

Communications: None

ISO Committee: None

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Department Reporting: Shanon Robinson presented the department report for Training. The Commission expressed appreciation.

Comments from the Fire Chief: Chief Sutherland advised he had attended the memorial service in Irmo, as sadly there were fourteen who passed away last year. He also expressed appreciation to the staff for the demolition for the Headquarters Renovations as well as their assistance on fires. He thanked the Commission for approving the turnout gear, as some was no longer compliant and needed replacing. Mr. Dickerson expressed appreciation to the staff for their help in the renovation.

Comments from Chiefs Advisory Board: None

Comments from Others: Chief Corey McDowell expressed concerns in getting payments on some workers compensation insurance claims. The Commission advised they will investigate further.

MOTION: Following a motion by Mr. Hanks and a second by Mr. Dickerson, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie Bryant

APPROVED BY:

Tommy Keaton

TOMMY KEATON, CHAIRMAN

Mark Cole

MARK COLE, VICE CHAIRMAN

Gerald Hanks

GERALD HANKS, TREASURER

Charlie Dickerson

CHARLIE DICKERSON, COMMISSIONER

Randy Wilson

RANDY WILSON, COMMISSIONER

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