

ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

July 16, 2014

1. **Call to order**

Board Chairman Diane Wright called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. at the District's hall, located at 14022 S. Sunland Gin Road, Arizona City, AZ.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Board Chairman Wright led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Welcome to Guests**

Board Chairman Diane Wright welcomed the members of the Fire District and guests to the July 16, 2014 Board meeting. Board Chairman Wright also informed the people that Captain Bailey was sitting in for Asst. Chief Leary due to the fact he was on duty at Eloy.

Board members present: Board Chairman Diane Wright, Board Clerk Betty Harding, Board member Jim Leary, and Board member Bill Bailey.

Also present: Business Manager Hazel Corbin, Captain Bailey, Randy Wittenburg and Dean Craun.

Public Present: Jennie Carlson, Donna Wyatt, Julie Bailey, and Kayne Crison (AZ City Newspaper).

4. **Fire Chief's Report**

- A. Captain Bailey reported that the District had received a corrected report on the ISO Rating, with the change to a 3/3x from a 4/4x. Captain Bailey stated that this new rate will help to lower the insurance rates on homes in the District and that the public should always check their homeowner's policy when they receive it from their insurance company.
- B. Captain Bailey reported that we are still waiting to hear from Verizon about a new tower and yard.
- C. Captain Bailey stated that due to the storm on 7/8/2014, we had a busy night with the dust and rain that resulted in flooding. The District ran several public assist calls and gave a lot of people rides home from their cars flooded. Captain Bailey stated "Luckily there were no true water rescue emergencies that evening." Captain Bailey and Asst. Chief Leary would like to thank all of the people who stayed over or came in to help. There was about 18 inches of water on the west end of town.
- D. Captain Bailey reported on the 7/14/14 fire. He reported that the response time was 11 minutes and not the 20 minutes reported in the newspaper. Casa Grande and Eloy

provided Mutual Aid, bringing the number of working units to 6 - Engines, 2 - EMS Units, a Utility Unit and 4 Command Units. Captain Bailey stated that the family could use some help.

Board Chairman Wright thanked the Staff for the help with the storm and fire.

5. **Staff reports**

Captain Bailey reviewed the June 2014 month end reports for EMS calls and EMS/Fire response times.

6. **Correspondence**

The resignation from Captain Nate Bailey was presented. Captain Bailey stated he had thought long and hard about doing what was right, and he felt he needed to spend more time with his family. Board Chairman Wright stated that she was sorry to see Captain Bailey leave and thanked him for his service.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Board Clerk Harding made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Jim Leary then seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

8. **Call to the Public**

None

9. **Old Business:**

A. Discussion and possible action re: Replacement for Board member Bill Bailey's two year position. Board Chairman Wright explained how Board member Bailey was moved up to replace Mr. Eastwood, as set out in State statute. Board member Bailey made the motion to appoint Donna Wyatt to the Board with the purpose of filling Mr. Bailey's remaining two year time on the Board. The motion was 2nd by Board Clerk Harding. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

10. **New Business**

A. Discussion and possible action re: Adoption of Fees Schedule. After a short discussion, Board member Leary made a motion to table the Adoption of Fees Schedule for one month to give staff more time to gather more information and to make the fee schedule available to the public. Board member Bailey 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. Discussion and possible action re: Addendum to the Existing Engagement Letter with Saunders Company, Ltd. After a short discussion, Board member Bailey made a motion to accept the Addendum. Board member Leary 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

C. Discussion and possible action re: Resuming the process of hiring a full-time Fire Chief. After a short discussion, Board Clerk Harding made a motion to table the process of hiring a full-time Fire Chief and to set a time for a Work Session. Board member Bailey 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

D. Discussion and possible action re: Paid time off for District Business Manager of Legal holiday and yearly vacation days. After a short discussion, Board member Bailey made a motion to table item 10-D until next month, giving staff time to gather more information on vacation time, holidays, and sick leave. Board Clerk Harding 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. Next Meeting Date

Work Session business meeting will be July 30, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.
Regular Business meeting will be August 26, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Board Chairman Wright asked that the items for August 26, 2014 agenda please be given to the Business Manager by Tuesday, August 19, 2014.

13. Adjournment

Thereafter, Chairman Diane Wright adjourned the public session at approximately 7:34p.m.

Date approved: 8.26.14


Board Clerk