

ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Dec. 17, 2014

1. Call to order

Board Chairman James Leary 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 Leary led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Welcome to Guests

Board Chairman Leary welcomed the members of the Fire District and guests to the Dec. 17, 2014 Board meeting.

Board members present: Board Chairman James Leary, Board Clerk William Bailey, Board member Betty Harding, Board member Diane Wright and Board member Donna Wyatt.

Also present: Acting Chief Lopez, Asst. Fire Chief Jeremy Leary, and Business Manager Hazel Corbin.

Public Present: Jennie Carlson, Dean Craun and Mr. Fisherman from Arizona Professional Educational Services.

4. Fire Chief's Report

1. Acting Chief Lopez stated that the District was still waiting on the report from the insurance company on what is going to be covered. Chief Lopez also reported that a majority of the building had been caulked with the trim left to do. As of the storm on Saturday morning, Dec. 13, 2014, about 90 percent of the water has been stopped from coming into the building. Chief Lopez also stated that the District is in the process of sealing the brick front and once that is completed the trim will be caulked and the brick will be repainted to the original color.
2. Acting Chief Lopez reported that the District is continuing work on the landscaping and currently doing some things with retention on the southeast side to improve the erosion/retention issues.
3. Asst. Chief Leary informed the Board that discussion was still going on with AT & T about a new lease option with a draft drawn up and forwarded to AT & T for their approval. When there is a final draft it will be brought to the Board for approval.
4. Acting Chief Lopez reported that the District has changed out all of the wall pack lights on the exterior of the building and a difference in power draw from the junction box has been noticed. Chief Lopez stated that several of the lights had gone out and in

researching found it was cheaper to replace the lights with new LED models than replacing the old fixtures. Chief Lopez also stated that there are plans to change out the old lights under the patio and we currently have replacements for the sign out front. There should be a noticeable difference in the power bill in the next couple of months due to these changes

5. **Staff reports**

Asst. Chief reviewed the Nov. 2014 month end reports for EMS calls and EMS/Fire response times.

6. **Correspondence**

Business Manager Corbin stated Brenda Tranchina with Human Resources Strategies, LLC wants to have a Meet and Greet on Jan. 20, 2015 for the candidates for Fire Chief position. A time has not been set yet.

7. **Consent Agenda**

Board member Wright made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Board member Harding then 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

8. **Call to the Public**

None

At this time, Board Chairman Leary stated that the Board would move to item 5 under New Business, Discussion and possible action re: Allowing Arizona Professional Educational Services to use the training room to hold classes.

Mr. Fisherman, from Arizona Professional Educational Services, explained to the Board what their service provided. After a short discussion, Board member Wright made a motion to approve the use of the training room by Arizona Professional Educational Services to teach BLS and ALS classes with a 20% discount to staff. Board member Wyatt 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

At this time the meeting was moved back into the Old Business.

9. **Old Business:**

1. Discussion and possible action re: Adding onto the station with expense shared with Airebeam for use/rental of old Nextel yard. After a short discussion, Board Clerk Bailey made a motion to give the Acting Chief and the Asst. Chief the authority to proceed with Agate Inc. for the building addition, not to exceed \$120,000.00 and also to give them authorization to contact Airebeam to request \$15,000.00 advance payment for Airebeam's share of the project. Board member Harding 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

10. **New Business**

1. Discussion and possible action re: Looking for a 5th Board Member. Business Manager Corbin stated that in the first week of Jan. 2015 she will post in the Arizona City paper that the Arizona City Fire District is looking for someone to fill a 4 year board member opening.

2. Discussion and possible action re: Board and Staff going to the Jan. 2015 AFDA Conference. Business Manager Corbin stated this was just an information item for the Board.

Everything is scheduled and paid for at this time.

3. Discussion and possible action re: Approving to concrete the drive way from the Northwest corner of existing concrete to training yard. After a short discussion with Asst. Fire Chief Leary explaining that the new concrete would help to cut down on wear and tear on the hoses during practices and also to take care of the water runoff and mud, Board member Harding made a motion to move ahead with the concrete work. Board Clerk Bailey 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and possible action re: Changing the insurance stipend for staff. After a short discussion, Board member Wright made a motion to table this matter until the Jan. 2015 meeting. Board Clerk Bailey 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

5. Discussion and possible action re: Allowing Arizona Professional Educational Services to use the training room to hold classes. This was moved to just prior to Old Business.

At this time Acting Chief Lopez presented Board member Diane Wright with a plaque for her two years of service to the Arizona City Fire District Board.

11. **Next Meeting Date**

Regular Business meeting will be January 21, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

11. **Agenda Items for Next Meeting.**

Board Chairman Leary asked that the items for January 21, 2015 agenda please be given to the Business Manager by Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

13. **Adjournment**

Thereafter, Chairman Leary adjourned the public session at approximately 7:51p.m.

Date approved: 1/21/2015

W. Bailey
Board Clerk