

ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

January 03rd, 2013

The Arizona Fire District held a regular meeting at 6:00 pm, JANUARY 03rd 2013 at the fire station located at 14022 S. Sunland Gin Rd., Arizona City, AZ.

Board members Present: Chairman Betty Harding, Clerk Diane Wright, Jim Leary, Bill Bailey and David Eastwood

Fire District members present: Fire Chief Paul Sabel, Business Manager Hazel Corbin, Dean Craun, Brian Feldmeier, Derrick Ethington, Tom Finucane, Randy Wittenburg, Jeremiah Ontiveros, Nathan Oliver, Courtney Short, Joe Espinoza, Miguel Reyes, and Nate Bailey.

Guests: William Whittington-District Attorney, Harold Ingersoll, and Mike Rock – AZ City Chamber.

1. **Call to order:** Chairman Betty Harding called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Chairman Betty Harding led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Welcome to Guests:** Chairman Betty Harding welcome the members of the Fire District and Guests to the January 3rd Board Meeting.
4. **Fire Chief's Comments:**
 - A. Chief Sabel stated that the business office had been painted and new carpet was laid and the office is up and running.
 - B. Chief Sabel reported that Chief Leary was to have knee surgery on Wed. the 9th due to an injure while working a fire in Eloy.
 - C. The work on the burn structure has started but due to Chief Leary being out it may have to be put on hold.
 - D. The work on the AT & T tower should be done shortly and then work on the Sprint tower will start.
 - E. The dumpster for live Christmas tree disposal was picked up 1/3/2013. A Thank You note will be sent out to Bill Lewallen at the Arizona City Sanitation Service for the use of the dumpster.

5. Consent Agendas

- A. Board Member Diane Wright made a motion to approve the Minutes for regular meeting of December 5th. 2012, motion was 2nd. by Jim Leary. Business Manager Hazel Corbin requested that the motion be withdrawn until the next meeting, allowing changes that needed to be made. Diane Wright withdrew her motion. Chairman Betty Harding tabled the motion until the February meeting.
- B. David Eastwood made a motion to approve the report of warrants paid, motion 2nd. by Bill Bailey. Motion was unanimously approved by the board

6. Finances:

- A. General Fund balance \$255761.60
- B. Pension Fund balance \$351.50
- C. Capital Outlay balance \$135,174.68
- D. Communication Outlay balance \$185,517.14
- E. Capital Outlay Hydrants \$136,663.22
- F. Capital Outlay Apparatus & Vehicles \$13,476.98
- G. Capital Outlay Fire Fighting Equipment \$21,234.96
- H. Budget review: Budget presented and was in order.

Clerk Diane Wright made a motion to approve the Finance report, 2nd. by Jim Leary. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. **Communications:** None.

8. **Call to the Public:** At this time no one spoke.

9. Possible vote to go into Executive Session:

- A. Personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1): legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03((A)(4) re: Interim Chief contract.
- B. Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) re: use of sale of alcoholic beverages.
- C. Personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(1): legal

advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and instructions to legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03((A)(4) re: Business Manager's contract.

- D. Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02(A)(3) re: Board bylaws.
- E. Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) re: ratification issues and procedure.
- F. Legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) re; use of warrants.

Board Member Bill Bailey made a motion to go into Executive Session, the motion was 2nd. by David Eastwood and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman Betty Harding at 6:15 asked the Fire District members and guests to please leave the room while the board went into Executive Session.

Executive Session ended at 7:50pm at this time Chairman Betty Harding stated there would be a 10 minute recessed and then General Session will resume.

10. Old Business:

- A.** Chairman Betty Harding stated that at this time Chief Paul Sabel will remain as Interim Fire Chief.
- B.** Fire Chief Sabel stated that we were still waiting for the trench details to be drawn by the engineer.
- C.** A copy of the EMT monthly reports on calls and response times were given to the Board Members.
- D.** The Captains & Engineers meeting is set for January 8th. 2013

11. New Business:

- A. Board Member Dave Eastwood made a motion to approval Resolution NO. 01-03-2013-1, motion 2nd. by Bill Bailey and unanimously approved by the board.
- B. Mike Rock from AZ City Chamber asked permission for the Chamber of Commerce to place a 12' x 12' beer both on District property for the Arizona City Daze Festival. Bill Bailey made a motion to not approve the request from the Chamber of Commerce, motion 2nd. by David Eastwood and unanimously approved by the board.
- C. No action was taken on having pre-signed Warrants.
- D. Clerk Diane Wright made a motion to disband the Captains & Engineers committee that was formed under the previous elected Fire Chief. This motion was 2nd. by David Eastwood and unanimously approved by the board.
- E. No action was taken on Business Manager's contract.
- F. Clerk Diane Wright made a motion not to approve board members having access codes to the fire station, motion 2nd. by Jim Leary and unanimous approved.
- G. Brian Feldmeier, Nate Bailey and Derrick Ethington gave a Power-Point with a hand-out on staffing the station with a 24/7 in hope of stopping miss calls.

Kris Middleton, Miguel Reyes, Nate Oliver and Tom Finucane all spoke on behave of the change to a 24/7 shift

Joe Espinoza the statement he was not for the change because it would take more time from his family.

Board member Bill Bailey made the statement that the bottom line is we need to stop missing calls.

Chairman Betty Harding made a motion to have a Special Meeting on Jan. 23, 2013 at 6:30 to discuss the matter of 24/7 staffing. Bill Bailey 2nd. the motion and motion was unanimously approved.

Derrick Ethington thanked the board for their time and stated that the board could contact any of them for more information.

- H. Chief Sabel stated he would talk to Southwest Ambulance (SWA) about talking to the board on the subject of staffing a unit fulltime in Arizona City with the possibility of leasing space from the District.
- I. No action was taken on the staffing a unit from Southwest Ambulance in Arizona City.
- J. No action was taken on looking at a merger with Eloy Fire District sometime in the future.
- K. Chairman Betty Harding made a motion requesting William Whittington (Lawyer) review the By-laws and make any correction he redeems needed as soon as possible. Motion was 2nd. by Bill Bailey. Motion was resented. Chairman Betty Harding requested William Whittington to have By-laws ready by the March meeting for review by the Board.

14. Next Meeting Date: Next meeting will be Wednesday February 06th, 2013 at 6:00 pm.

15. Agenda Next Meeting:

16. Adjournment: Chairman Betty Harding adjourned the meeting at 10pm

Date minutes approved: 3-6-2013

Signature: 
Chairman ACFD Board