

ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

February 18, 2015

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, guests and the new Chief that is coming on board, to the Feb. 18, 2015 Board meeting.

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

Also present: Acting Chief Lopez, Business Manager Hazel Corbin and incoming Chief Jeff Heaton Jr.

Public Present: Jennie Carlson, Elaine Ferrell, Dean Craun, Gary Gogel, Kayne Crison of the Arizona City newspaper and David Yankus of the Eloy Enterprise.

4. Fire Chief's Report

1. Acting Chief Lopez reported that all the interior repair work from the leak is done and all the rooms are put back together. The north block wall still needs to be painted but hope to be finished in the near future.
2. Acting Chief Lopez reported that the landscaping is on hold until the concrete project gets done and the end of the budget to see where the monies are at. We still need to add trees and possibly some more brick to the retention area to the west if possible.
3. Asst. Chief Leary informed the Board that at this time there has been no new news from AT&T.
4. Acting Chief Lopez reported that Verizon is now waiting for the permit/zoning with Pinal County.
5. Acting Chief Lopez stated that the concrete project has started and we are hoping to get the first pour done by the end of this week, depending on the weather. The district is in hopes of having the project completed in the next couple of weeks. Acting Chief explained that this would help to keep the water out of the street when the staff is training.
6. Acting Chief Lopez reported that progress is moving forward on the training yard and

the new floor in the middle of the boxes is done. There has been some training props added for the Physical agility and breath down courses.

7. Acting Chief Lopez reported that the phone recordings are updated.

5. **Staff reports**

Asst. Chief reviewed the January 2015 month end reports for EMS calls and EMS/Fire response times.

6. **Correspondence**

Business Manager Corbin stated a letter of interest was received from Steve Brady and was attached with the agenda for the evening. There was also a letter of thanks from Chief Miller, of the Casa Grande Fire, for our services when he lost one of his own members.

7. **Consent Agenda**

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

8. **Call to the Public**

Jeannie Carlson asked the Board if Verizon was going to have another meeting for the public, she is concerned about phone service in Silver Bell.

9. **Old Business:** None

10. **New Business**

1. Vote to go into Executive Session re: to discuss Fire Chief Contract. Board Chairman Leary stated that since everyone was good with the contract, item 1 would be skipped.

2. Discussion and possible action re: Finalizing Fire Chief contract. Board Clerk Bailey made a motion that the board accepts the contract with Chief Heaton providing that he doesn't have any recommended modification to it at this time. Board member Wyatt 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Discussion and possible action re: Boy Scout Troop #946 – Navajo Taco Fundraiser. After a short discussion, Board member Wyatt made a motion to allow Boy Scout Troop #946 to use the district's kitchen area, the front parking area, and the Northside restrooms for their Navajo Taco Fundraiser on Friday April 3rd, 2015, provide they do cleanup after the event. Board Chairman Leary 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

4. Discussion and possible action re: Having Staff begin to research cost and benefits of using Electronic Notepads by District Board Member, beginning 2015-2016. Board Clerk Bailey asked that this agenda item be tabled to the April 2015 meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action re: Harassment in the Gray Matter. Board member Harding asked that this agenda item be tabled at this time.

6. Discussion and possible action re: Placement of Recording of Minutes on ACFD Website. Acting Chief Lopez stated that when he was made aware of this he took care of it in house and it is no longer on the website.

7. Discussion and possible action re: Amendment to Lease Agreement with Airebeam and expansion project. After a short discussion, Board member Harding made a motion to accept Airebeam's proposal to make their \$15,000.00 payment in three \$5,000.00 payments and the district does not sign the contract until payment in full has been received. Board Chairman Leary 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Discussion and possible action re: Steve Brady's letter of interest. After a short discussion Board member Harding made a motion to accept Steve Brady as a new Board member. Board Clerk Bailey 2nd the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

11. Next Meeting Date

Regular Business meeting will be March 31, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

Board Chairman Leary asked that the items for March 31, 2015 agenda please be given to the Business Manager by Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

13. Adjournment

Thereafter, Chairman Leary adjourned the public session at approximately 7:15p.m.

Date approved: 4/15/15

William Bailey
Board Clerk