

# ARIZONA CITY FIRE DISTRICT

## REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

October 18, 2017

### 1. Call to Order

Board Chairman Tim McCain called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M. at the District's Fire Station, located at 14022 S Sunland Gin Rd., Arizona City, AZ.

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Chairman Tim McCain led all in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Roll Call/Quorum

Board Chairman Tim McCain gave the Oath of Office to new Board Member Randy Wittenburg. Once this was completed, Board Chairman Tim McCain confirmed that all Board Members were present and a quorum was established.

Board members present included Board Chairman Tim McCain, Board Clerk Dean Craun, Board Members Betty Harding, Steve Ross and Randy Wittenburg.

Also present: Fire Chief Jeffrey Heaton.

### 4. Welcome to Guests

Board Chairman Tim McCain welcomed members of the Fire District and guests to the meeting.

Guests included: Multiple people.

### 5. Fire Chief's Report

The Fire Chief reviewed his activities for the month of September, including changes to the work schedules, recruiting, contract vendor negotiations, ongoing equipment testing, dispatching issues and the ACES First Aid and CPR Program.

### 6. Staff Reports

The Fire Chief reviewed the EMS/Fire calls and response times for the month of September.

### 7. Correspondence

No correspondence was received during the month of September.

**8. Consent Agenda** (All items under the consent agenda may be approved under one motion unless one of the Governing Board Members pulls an item(s) for further discussion).

After discussion and consideration Board Member Betty Harding made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Board Member Steve Ross, motion passed unanimously.

## **9. Call to the Public**

4 members of the audience spoke to the Board on various topics. They included: Wayne Cashman, Pastor Dennis Callahan, Steve Brady and Robert Million.

## **10. Old Business**

### **1. Retain an outside consultant to review matters reported by Christina Reyes and report to the Board. (Board Chairman Tim McCain)**

This item was carried forward as the outside consultant is still conducting the investigation.

### **2. Discussion and possible action re: Swearing in new Board Member Randy Wittenburg. (Board Chairman Tim McCain)**

Board Chairman Tim McCain swore in new Board Member Randy Wittenburg above.

## **11. New Business**

### **1. Discussion and possible action re: The Board's policies concerning Board Member conduct; and Board Member, Betty Harding's, possible violation of the Board's policies. (Tim McCain)**

Board Chairman Tim McCain read from an email he had received regarding potential misconduct by Board Member Betty Harding. Board Member Betty Harding was not sure of the reference and asked from who it was received? Board Chairman Tim McCain stated he had received the email from previous Fire Board Member Bill Bailey. Board Member Betty Harding stated that she had a general conversation with Mr. Bailey and meant nothing by the comments she made to Mr. Bailey. Board Chairman Tim McCain reminded all Board Members of policies regarding member conduct.

### **2. Discussion and possible action re: Moving of the Board's Meetings to the second Monday of the month. (Fire Chief Heaton)**

Fire Chief Jeffrey Heaton asked the Board if the monthly meetings could be moved to the second Monday of the month. Therefore, it would allow the District to attend the Pinal County Fire Chiefs Association Meetings. Board Chairman Tim McCain made a motion to move all future Board Meetings to the second Monday of each month. A second was made by Board Member Steve Ross, motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Discussion and possible action re: Vote of Confidence – Fire Chief. (Tim McCain)**

Board Chairman Tim McCain asked the Board to make take a vote of confidence for the Fire Chief. Board Chairman Tim McCain asked for an individual vote from each Board Member asking each member to speak as well.

Board Member Randy Wittenburg, made comments around the improved work schedule and the fact that the Fire District is not missing calls. Board Member Randy Wittenburg voted in favor of confidence for the Fire Chief.

Board Member Steve Ross made comments of improved performance and community support. Board Member Steve Ross voted in favor of confidence for the Fire Chief.

Board Member Betty Harding stated that the Fire Chief was doing a great job and had no issues. Board Member Betty Harding voted in favor of confidence for the Fire Chief.

Board Clerk Dean Craun made comments about improved performance and great community involvement as well as highly trained individual members under the new training program. Board Member Dean Craun voted in favor of confidence for the Fire Chief.

Board Chairman Tim McCain made comments about the improved performance, pay raises, benefits increase and consistently scheduling all with improved operational performance. Board Chairman Tim McCain voted in favor of confidence for the Fire Chief.

Board Chairman Tim McCain made a motion to give the Fire Chief a vote of confidence from the Board. A second was made by Board Member Steve Ross, motion passed unanimously.

#### **12. Next Meeting Dates**

The next regular Business Meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2017.

#### **13. Agenda Items for next meeting**

Any items for the agenda should be submitted to the Fire Chief by November 6, 2017.

#### **14. Adjournment**

At 6:31 PM, Board Member Betty Harding made a motion to adjourn the meeting. A second was made by Board Member Steve Ross. Motion approved unanimously.

10/19/2017

Date Approved

Dean Craun

Board Clerk