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Regular Commissioners Meeting

November 11, 2015

Meeting Minutes

Called To Order:

Chairman Montalbano called the meeting to order on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Leo Casanave, A. J. Montalbano, Raymond Batiste, Danny MacGregor and Rock Petersen are present. Guest – Troy Ingram, Attorney

Secretary Minutes:

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Mr. Casanave moved, Mr. Batiste seconded to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept them as presented. There being no discussion, a vote was called. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Batiste noted the following balances in the respective checking accounts:

Balance in the general fund as of Nov. 9th is \$ 145,514.20

Balance in the 2nd account fund as of Nov 9th is \$223,315.41

The credit card statements and fund allocations were distributed to the commissioners and were made part of these minutes.

Mr. MacGregor moved, Mr. Casanave seconded to accept the treasurer's report as presented. There being no further business, a vote was taken. Motion unanimously approved.

Chief's Report:

- 1) Total calls for the year 948
- 2) Month responses – 86
- 3) Unifire – Unifire has wrapped up the meetings for the year on the central dispatch bringing good news for STFD3. Chief noted that last year he had made efforts to move dispatch from Unifire to Slidell due to the rising costs being mandated by Unifire/Dist 12 to the members of Unifire. Chief stated it has come to light through more in-depth look by a subcommittee at the financials and budget of Unifire that costs had been over estimated and/or incorrectly reported. Because of this we will be going from \$50/call to about \$39/call, resulting in a good savings to STFD3.

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- 4) Attorney Discussion – There was a brief discussion on an attorney's attempted contact with board members and allegations about Chief Sicard failing to show for meeting with a legal representative of an employee. Phillip Dominique was the name of the person contacting board members. Chief asked for him to be directed to him if it involved personnel matters and to the Chairman if it involved board actions.

Assistant Chief's Report

Employment/Training

No new to report this month

Old Business:

Update on Training Building

Chief presented the board of commissioners with a report from an architect on preliminary estimates for renovation on the Training building. This will depend on a lot of factors, bidding, reimbursement for termite damage, financing and extent of renovations.

New Business:

Surplus Equipment – Copiers/Radios

Chief presented the board with radio, copier, washing machine, and hose pictures as items needing to be declared surplus and having zero value so as to dispose of these pieces of equipment accordingly.

Motion by Batiste, second by Mr. MacGregor to declare the items surplus and dispose of items accordingly. There being no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Contract

Request to implement a contract with Mr. Troy Ingram for legal representation and get his services approved through the Attorney General. If the board decides at a later date to resume services with Mr. Rob Barnett, that can be done and to have both at our disposal. Mr. Montalbano noted for the record that he has not heard any more from the District Attorney regarding setting up a meeting to discuss the level of service provided by the DA's office for fire district entities.

Mr. Ingram introduced himself and gave a wide spectrum of his experience with fire districts in various capacities and in the manner of fee for service at an hourly rate of \$175.00/hour. If approved by the board under this resolution, it will be submitted to the Attorney General's office for approval.

Resolution, being read aloud into the audio minutes verbatim, will be made part of these minutes. Moved by Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Batiste to adopt the resolution. There being no further discussion a vote was taken. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

Mr. Batiste moved to adjourn. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried. Meeting is adjourned at 6:30 PM.