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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING March 17, 2015

Board Members:

Byron Hayles	-Present	Paul Wohn	-Present
Sarah Beth Sherer	-Absent	Troy Dyess	-Present
Roger Few	-Present	Stuart LaGroue	-Present
Charlie Jones	-Present	Bobby Fortenberry	-Present
Craig Stanley	-Present	Dan Wilson	-Present
Billy Byrne	-Present		

President Hayles called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Treasurer Dyess conducted roll call.

The minutes from the February 9, 2015 board meeting were read silently. Paul Wohn mentioned a correction on page 2, end of first paragraph in the Chief's report—Stage Coach to be replaced with Buzbee. A motion to approve the minutes with the noted correction was made by Craig Stanley. Charlie Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dyess read the treasurer's report for the period of February 1, 2015 through February 28, 2015 and asked for approval of Compass checks #6147-6167, Regions checks #3654-3665, Fire Fighters' Fund checks #1043-1044 and Auxiliary Fund check #1127. After a brief discussion of the Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Paul Wohn to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Craig Stanley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

President Hayles announced elections for the following officer positions: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. President Hayles turned the proceedings over to the Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee recommended Byron Hayles for President, Bobby Fortenberry for Vice-President, Troy Dyess for Treasurer and Sarah Beth Sherer for Secretary. A motion to approve the Nomination Committee's appointment of officers was made by Chief Roger Few. Paul Wohn seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hayles asked for recommendations regarding the appointment of Fire Chief for the next year. Charlie Jones motioned for the reappointment of Chief Roger Few. Craig Stanley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President Hayles announced bank selections for the upcoming year. The department currently holds accounts with Bancorp, Compass, Regions and Hancock banks. After a brief discussion of grant fund

separation and which banks allowed for a two-signature check approval system, Billy Byrne motioned that the department reselect the banks with which it currently holds accounts. Charlie Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report

Chief Few reviewed the department's response activity for the month of February with the board. A copy of the activity report is attached to these minutes. In February, the department made 42 responses. The department responded to several mutual aid calls for Daphne Fire Department on February 21st; mutual aid calls included response to a structure fire at a condominium complex.

Chief Few gave an update on Code Enforcement: Tony completed 6 preplan visits, 14 preplan revisits, reviewed 2 sets of plans, 23 initial fire code inspections and 26 fire code re-inspections for the months of February.

Chief Few gave an update of the Community Services Events: The department completed 3 car seat installations, 2 event stand-bys, 1 outreach event, 1 CPR class with 2 students and 1 fire prevention events with 3 contacts.

Chief Few gave an update on the FY2015 fund drive: \$425.00 has been donated.

Chief Few presented the board with an action item. The board declared a truck utility body as surplus last year. No offers were made on the item last year. Chief Few has recently received an offer from Bill Patterson Construction in the amount of \$500.00 for the surplus utility body. Chief Few recommends the acceptance of the offer. Charlie Jones motioned to approve the recommendation to sell the surplus utility body to Bill Patterson Construction for \$500.00. Bobby Fortenberry seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Few presented the board with an agreement between the department and the county regarding the 700 Mhz system. The current users have agreed upon a monthly fee of \$10 per radio for usage of the system. The department currently has 58 radios, and the annual fee would be \$6,098. The county agreement is inclusive and includes the Sheriff's department. The usage fees would not be increased during the 10-year term of the agreement. The fees will be used for system maintenance and upgrades. The fees will start in February 2016. Billy Byrne inquired about the reason for the system. Chief Few and Charlie Jones explained the system is county-wide and allows for interoperability of different departments. Billy Byrne inquired about a back-up system. Chief Few explained that the system is robust, capable of switching to different towers if one is unavailable and can operate on the VHF channels if needed. After discussion regarding the county communication system operation, Bobby Fortenberry motioned to authorize Chief Few to sign the county communication agreement. Craig Stanly seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Few announced that the 2014 SAFER grants have been written and submitted. Since the department is a combination department, two grants were allowed to be submitted on the department's behalf. One grant proposal is for a four-year term and addresses recruitment and retention concerns. Items included in the proposal are a paid full-time recruiter position, stipends for volunteers who are on station duty at night, physicals for department members, and marketing. The other grant proposal is for a two-year term and addresses the hiring 6 full-time fire fighters. The grant writer's fee was \$1,500.

Chief Few announced the Awards Dinner will be April 18, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. The location for the dinner will be the Junkyard Restaurant facility.

Old Business

No report.

Land Committee

Chief Few announced the City is still searching for land for the department's training center.

Employee Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

Will review the financial statements and report back to the board.

Integration Committee

No report.

New Business

Craig Stanley stated the Nomination Committee will continue to seek a replacement for Paul Wohn's board seat.

The next Board of Directors meeting –April 13th at 6:00 P.M. Station 1.

There being no further business, Craig Stanley motioned to adjourn. Charlie Jones seconded the motion. President Hayles adjourned the meeting at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Troy Dyess
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