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Roger R. Few
Fire Chief

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 11, 2012

Board Members:

Byron Hales	-Present	Ken Coale	-Present
George Brown	-Present	Donna Hughes	-Present
John Barks, Jr.	-Present	Bobby Soles	-Present
Paul Wohn	-Present	Mike McMillan	-Present
Troy Dyess	-Present	Dan Wilson	-Absent
Roger Few	-Present		

President Hayles called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. with a roll call.

The minutes from the May 14, 2012 board meeting were read silently. A motion to approve the minutes was made by John Barks, Jr. George Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Troy Dyess read the treasurer's report for the period of May 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012 and asked for approval of Compass checks #5714 – 5724 and Regions checks #3174 – 3190. After brief discussion of the Treasurer's Report a motion was made by Ken Coale to accept the Treasurer's Report as read. Mike McMillan seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

President's Report

President Hayles gave an overview of the first Integration Committee meeting with the City of Spanish Fort. The first meeting was a success. The City Council was open to ideas presented by the Fire Department Leadership. The City Council requested a financial projection for the next 5 years. Chief Few is working to complete the projection in preparation for the next meeting. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at City Hall at 4:00 PM.

Chief's Report

Chief Few stated the department responded to 34 calls for the month of May. The department responded to one structure fire in the month of May. The structure was a mobile home that was not occupied and was a total loss at a value of approximately \$3,000. Chief Few stated that Troy Dyess had completed 31 preplans in May, a total of 303 preplans are completed.

Chief Few advised the board that Daphne Fire Department has recently completed an ISO rating survey. Chief Few and Troy Dyess were able to meet with the ISO representative conducting the ISO rating survey for Daphne. The ISO representative seemed very pro-fire service and was very willing to share ideas and theory behind the procedure of the current ISO rating survey. Chief Few stated that the department should look to have an ISO rating survey completed in the first quarter of calendar year 2013 and should be able to improve the ISO rating from a 5/9 to a 4 or 3. The ISO representative shared a lot of good information with Chief Few, including information of Hydrant Testing and Staffing of the Fire Department. The information concerning fire hydrants will save time and money for the Fire Department as well as the Water System. Department staffing will count 1 to 1 when responders are at the fire station at the time of a call. Staff responding from home will count 3 to 1. The department has started logging time spent at the station by members in an effort to gain as much 1 to 1 credit as possible in the ISO rating.

Chief Few informed the board of the department's compliance with NFPA 1720. NFPA 1720 states that volunteer agencies should have the first responding unit on-scene within 8 minutes 80% of the time. After running the numbers for 2012 year to date, the department has an average time for first unit on-scene of 8.06 minutes 100% of the time. Chief Few commended the department staff and board for a job well done.

Chief Few gave a status update on the annual fund drive. The first mailer has been sent and a strong response has been received. Year to date, the department has received \$35,340. This represents 64.3% of budgeted dollars with 18.3% of residents and 15.9% of businesses responding.

Chief Few stated that the bids for a new pumper had been received and opened on June 8th. The bid results were posted on the dry eraser board in the meeting room. Six vendors responded. Three vendors responded with "no bid" and three responded with a proposal. The bids are currently being evaluated; however, none of the bids complied with the spec in full. All of the projected costs submitted by the vendors were significantly over the budgeted dollars allowed for the pumper purchase. Chief Few would like to complete his comprehensive review of the bids, but believes that all of the bids will need to be rejected. The project will need to be re-bid to bring the cost of the project more in line with the budgeted dollars. Several factors play into the price increase including new EPA standards on diesel engines and some compartment changes made by the department. A cost analysis is being performed and further information will be discussed at next month's meeting.

Chief Few advised the board that all equipment had been ordered to complete the AFG Grant purchase. The 2011 AFG Grant was awarded to Spanish Fort Fire Rescue as the lead department of a regional grant for improved interoperable communication equipment. Stapleton, Loxley and Silverhill Fire Departments were included in the regional grant. Some of the departments have started receiving their equipment. Spanish Fort's radio equipment has been received by the vendor and is being professionally engraved at this time.

EMA/LEPC

No meeting has been held. The next meeting will be July 18 at Thomas Wellness Center at 10:00 AM.

Old Business

Land Committee:

The Land Committee did not meet and has no report. President Hayles responded to the request of the Land Committee to outline the goals of the committee. President Hayles re-named the committee, Land and Construction Committee. The members of the committee will remain the same. The Land and Construction Committee will be responsible to begin and oversee the planning and construction of the Training Center. President Hayles asked for the committee to proceed with a site plan by working closely with Zac Weber or any other hired architectural engineer as may be necessary to complete the site plan. All proposed plans will be brought to the board by the committee for approval.

Employee Committee:

No report.

New Business:

Next Integration Committee meeting will be July 2, 2012, City Hall at 4:00 PM.

Next Board of Directors meeting – July 9, 2012 at 6:00 P.M., Station 1.

There being no further business, President Hayles adjourned the meeting at 6:32 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Hughes