



Spanish Fort Fire - Rescue

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Minutes of Annual Board Meeting March 15, 2022

Board Members:

Byron Hayles	-Present	Shane Perry	- Present
Sarah Beth Sherer	-Present	Troy Dyess	- Present
Roger Few	-Present	Stuart LaGroue	- Present
Tim Shaner	-Present	Ryan Lowell	- Present
Craig Stanley	-Present	Tommy Brewer	-Present

President Hayles called the 60th Annual Meeting of the Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Department to order at 18:00 P.M.

President Hayles lead the audience in the pledge of allegiance.

Auxiliary member Charlie Harris led everyone in attendance with a prayer.

President Hayles recognized guest, Mayor Mike McMillian, City Council Member Share Perry, City Council Member Carl Gustafson and City Attorney David Conner.

Secretary Sherer conducted roll call

President Hayles gave an overview on how the SFFR board members are elected and their roles on the Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Board.

Secretary Sherer read minutes from the March 22, 2021, aloud. A motion to approve the minutes as read made by John Shoemaker, second by Mayor Mike McMillian. Motion passed unanimously.

The Treasurer presents the treasurer's report at each monthly board meeting. The finance committee comments on the status of their review.

Treasurer Troy Dyess reported that JT Murray is still working on the audit report at this time. The audit is expected to be completed within 30 days. If you would like a copy of the annual audit, contact Dawn at 251-626-8876.

Mayor McMillian thanked the department for their outstanding comment to the community. He spoke briefly about the upcoming merger between Spanish Fort Fire Rescue and the City of Spanish Fort. City Attorney David Conner will be available after the meeting to answer questions pertaining to the merger. John Shoemaker also thanked Chief Few, Mayor McMillian and others that are involved in making the merger a reality.

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Chiefs Report:

Chief Roger Few introduced Wade Lyons to everyone. Wade was with the Fire Department as a volunteer back in the 60's and a Firefighter in Mobile. Wade shared some of his memories from being a Firefighter with everyone.

Chief Few began his presentation with a review of the responses for 2021. The department responded to 902 response calls, which is up 14% from previous year and 24% over our five-year average. 60% of the calls were within the city limits, 92% were in our jurisdiction and 8% were mutual aid calls.

Chief Few displayed a PowerPoint presentation with pictures of specific incidents and reports on the usage of department equipment. At this time, the station owns 14 pieces of apparatus.

We had 50 fires, 420 rescue EMS calls 76 hazardous conditions, 68 service calls, 158 good intent calls, 127 false alarms and 2 weather related calls and 1 special type call.

Our Station is in Mutual Aid agreements with Daphne, Crossroads, Stapleton, Belforest and Loxley.

A total of volunteer 21,955 man-hours were spent in 2021 for responses, training, duty time, fire prevention, back to school awareness program, Charitable activities and maintenance. After expenses minus payroll and depreciation, the cost per call is approximately \$572.00.

In 2021, we were able to raise \$1,313,501.00. The total is comprised of a contract with the City of Spanish Fort for \$1,000,000.00; Direct Mail Solicitation \$78,555.00, Fire Tax Money \$222,549.00, Interest Income \$23,000.00; Training Income \$2,730.00, Fire Prevention \$1,944.00 and Misc. \$7,700.00.

Chief Few recognized the Fire Corps Auxiliary and commended the auxiliary on their ongoing efforts and support of the department. Some of the events and activities that the Auxiliary helped with in 2021 were breakfast for workdays, Annual meeting setup, Awards dinner, Easter egg hunt, scene responses, annual 5k, Open House/Public Safety Day, annual fire safety camp and the Holiday dinner. Everyone is welcome to join the Spanish Fort Fire Rescue Auxiliary. You do not have to be a firefighter to be a member.

Chief Few noted that the department participated in the Baldwin County Solid Waste "Christmas Tree Recycling Program" again this year. We are in the top five for sites for Christmas tree recycling. This gives the residents a place to bring their live Christmas trees.

We are involved in many outside events in the community that are outside of running calls. Last year the total hours were 342. We conduct tours for visitors, football games, and high school graduation, flag displays with the ladder truck and several walks and runs.

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We are a Boy Scout Explorer post. We offer the Explorer program, where youth from ages 16-18 year old are welcome to join to learn about what all is involved with being a Firefighter. They are not able to participate in actual calls until they are 18.

Chief Few asked Anthony Lee, Spanish Fort Fire Rescue's Fire Inspector to talk to everyone about the community risk reduction area in the department. Anthony is involved with plan reviews, fire hydrant inspections, business inspections along with educating the businesses on fire safety. We have 12 firefighters who are also certified Fire Inspectors that assist with inspections throughout the year. Anthony reported that in 2021, four plans were reviewed, 741 businesses were inspected, ten re-inspections, two CO inspections, which is a Certificate of Occupancy Inspection, one Fire Protection detail, ten hood inspections, one special hazard inspection, three Fire Safety Programs, and five station tours.

Chief Few then explained other public education services that we provide to the community. Services offered include, teaching public CPR/AED training here at the station along with teaching High School students CPR and First Aid, Fire Extinguisher training to business for their staff, car seat installations, early childhood fire safety, fire prevention and first aid training, yellow dot program, and smoke detectors installations. In 2021, 3 car seats installations, and 123 people took CPR course.

Chief Few wrapped up his report by discussing what the station is working on for 2022. For example moving forward with the merger with the city, along with working on station 1 that will be across the street from the Spanish Fort Middle School. The city has purchased 20 acres behind station 4, where a training field is expected to be developed. Fire Safety camp in June 5K in September and Fire Prevention program and Open house in October.

Chief Few thanked all of the volunteers for dedication their time to Spanish Fort Fire Rescue and the community.

Chief Few's annual presentation will become a part of the minutes for a complete list of the activities the department participated in during 2021.

Presidents Report:

President Hayles thanked Chief Few for an outstanding report and presentation. President Hayles also commented on the efficiency and outstanding safety record of the department.

President Hayles discussed the proposed merger between Spanish Fort Fire Rescue and the city of Spanish Fort. The merger has been in the works for many years. The city will consume the responsibility for the fire service for the city of Spanish Fort within the city limits. The decision was to have a two-year grace period after the merger takes place to continue to serve the residents outside of the city limits. After the two-year grace period, Spanish Fort City Council will meet and decide on the plans going forward for residents outside of the city limits. Nothing has been decided at this time.

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President Hayles turned the meeting over to the Nominating Committee Chairman Tommy Brewer. The committee presented to the membership the board members with terms expiring. The members are seat number 9, Troy Dyess, seat number 10, Sarah Beth Sherer, Seat number 3, Craig. Dyess, Sherer and Stanley all agreed to stay on and serve another 3 year term on the board. No nominations were made from the floor. John Shoemaker made a motion to accept the committee nominations. Ray Lions seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

President Hayles open the floor for questions and discussion.

Chief Few asked for participation with 2021 annual fundraiser yard signs. Those wanting to participate can contact Dawn Everette for a sign to put on their personal property.

A drawing for door prizes were drawn.

There being no further business, President Hayles called for a motion to adjourn the annual meeting.

Annual meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
sb / dp