



# Spanish Fort Fire - Rescue

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Station 1

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Station 2

Roger R. Few  
Fire Chief

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Spanish Fort, AL 36527

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Spanish Fort, AL 36527

## **MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING** **December 9, 2019**

### **Board Members:**

Byron Hayles	- Present	Tommy Brewer	- Absent	Craig Stanley	- Absent
Bobby Fortenberry	- Present	William Whittle	- Absent	Ryan Lowell	- Present
Troy Dyess	- Absent	Stuart LaGroue	- Present	Roger Few	- Present
Sarah Beth Sherer	- Present	Tim Shaner	- Absent		

Call to order at 6:10 PM

Secretary Sara Beth Sherer took roll call.

### **Minutes**

The board members read minutes taken from the October 2019 board meeting silently.  
Motion to approve the minutes presented by Ryan Lowell, second by Stuart LaGroue. Motion Approved

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### **Treasurer's Report**

The board was unable to review the October and November financial reports. October, November and December financial reports will be on the January agenda.

### **President's Report**

President Hayles reminded everyone about the Holiday Dinner 12.10.2019.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief reported on the department's activity for the months of October and November. The department responded to 56 responses for the month of October. The department responded to 66 responses for the month of November. There was one noteworthy call on Jessie Road. The resident was trapped in the house during the fire and a neighbor helped the resident out of his house. Chief would like to set up some sort of recognition at one of the City Council meetings.

Inspection/Code Enforcement for November – There were 127 inspections, and four inspection re-visit inspections. Several members in the department are helping Anthony with completing the remaining inspections by the end of December.

Community Relations – The department installed four car seats and two smoke detectors. The Stand-by events for November included (3) Football games and the members helped the city put up their decorations.

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CPR classes – The department held two CPR classes with 14 students

Station Tours – The department had one station tour in November with six children and six adults.

## **New Business**

Chief reported to the board about an incident that occurred in November. Firefighters responded to a call for a smoke alarm. The crew was in the attic and when one of firefighters stepped their foot through the ceiling and a partial piece of sheetrock fell to the floor in the closet. The homeowner called and spoke to Chief about SFFR paying for the damage. Chief contacted the insurance company and opened up a claim. The insurance company will contact the homeowners to tell them that SFFR is not liable for the damage due to statutory immunity.

## **Old Business**

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Land Committee Report**

Station 3 has been on hold because of a garage door issue. The garage door replacement for station 3 is now on-site. There are some issues with the un-leveled asphalt. Jeff the architect has not responded yet on what they are going to do to have the issue corrected. In the meantime, the electrician and the plumber who are both donating their services have the go-ahead to move forward on the building.

Chief said they met with the architect for station 1 late last week. Right now, the architect is trying to determine He is the right place for the building to be on the property. Chief said as of right now it looks like the station will be a two-story building. Administration will be on the first floor and operations will be on the second floor. They will go ahead and put up a new tower. Building the safe room will start once the tower has been relocated.

#### **Integration Committee Report**

The Integration committee will meet on December 17. Hayles reported that they are making some headway with the city. Hayles stated that he proposed to the city that everything between SFFR and the City that is decided then becomes a final document.

Hayles also discussed the pending changes to the response area in SF. The city will have to decide on what they are going to honor as a response area. Will it be just the city limits, or the police jurisdiction, or will the jurisdiction be set on population. What will happen to the people who have always been part of our jurisdiction? Hayles proposes that once the response area has been determined that the residents who are affected receive a one-year notice to let them know that they will no longer be in the SFFR jurisdiction.

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## **Employment Committee Report**

Chief reported there was a one-time pay adjustment for all employees that was included in the past pay-period in November. Typically, the board approves ahead of time, but since there was not a November meeting Chief proceeded with the one-time adjustment since it was already in the budget. A motion to acknowledge the one-time pay adjustment for employees presented by Chief Roger Few and second by Bobby Fortenberry.

Chief reported to the board that SFFR would be purchasing a group cancer policy. Chief explained that last year legislature passed a law that all Fire Departments who have paid personnel will provide the staff a cancer policy.

LOSAP (length of service award program) Chief explained to the board that our plan administrator, Volunteer Fireman's Insurance Services are making a change in the plan by removing the whole life insurance from their package. They will now go with a simple term life group policy. The term life will be a fifth of the cost of the whole life package. Benefits are initially the same. Chief reported that he surrendered all the whole life policies took the cash values associated with those policies and used them to purchase the new group term life policies.

## **Finance Committee Report**

No report

No further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Next SFFR Board Meeting will be Monday, January 13, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,  
sbs / dpe