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MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING May 11, 2015

Board Members:

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

Other Attendees:

Tim Shaner, Howard Poppo

President Hayles called the meeting to order at 6:07 P.M. Secretary Sherer conducted roll call.

The minutes from the April 13, 2015 board meeting were read silently. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dan Wilson. Stuart LaGroue seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

President Hayles read the treasurer's report for the period of April 1, 2015 through April 31, 2015 and asked for approval of Compass checks #6183-6193, Regions checks #3682-3696 and Fire Fighters' Fund checks #1048. After a brief discussion of the Treasurer's Report, a motion was made by Bobby Fortenberry to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Charlie Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

President's Report

No report.

Chief's Report

Chief Few reviewed the department's response activity for the month of April with the board. A copy of the activity report is attached to these minutes. In April, the department made 38 responses.

Chief Few gave an update on Code Enforcement: Tony completed 6 preplan visits, 15 preplan revisits, reviewed 3 sets of plans, 27 initial fire code inspections and 36 fire code re-inspections for the months of April.

Chief Few gave an update of the Community Services Events: The department completed 4 car seat installations, 3 CPR classes with 24 students and 5 event standbys. The Delta Woods and Water Expo was included in the event standbys.

Chief Few gave an update on the FY2015 fund drive: 9% of businesses have donated-\$4,450, 11% of residents have donated-\$31,351.75—totaling \$35,801.75—55% of budget.

Captain Howard Popple presented the board with information regarding the proposal and bids for a propane-fueled fire training prop. A copy of his presentation is attached to the minutes. Capt. Popple defined and explained the differences between two final products from two different companies—Bullex and Draeger System. Capt. Popple recommended the Draeger System prop. The prop has a higher upfront cost, but when the additional training props that are planned to be added in the near future are factored in, the department would save \$10,000 by purchasing the Draeger System prop. Chief Few explained the grant funding available and the deficit; the board would need to approve the department expenditure of approximately \$6,000 in order for the Draeger System prop to be purchased. After a brief discussion, the motion was made to accept the Draeger System bid by Stuart LaGroue. Dan Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Chief Few discussed government disposal sites and government deals in regards to booster reels, old computers, etc.

Chief Few updated the board regarding a grant opportunity through Impact 100 Baldwin County. The grant would be awarded \$96,000. Chief Few proposed the grant be focused around “Turn Your Attention to Fire Prevention.”

President Hayles requested an update on the status of the metal shed. Chief Few responded that the specs are essentially ready and the bidding process can move forward.

Chief Few mentioned the Awards Dinner had a good turnout.

Old Business

No report.

Land Committee

There is no update on the Jimmy Faulkner property.

Employee Committee

No report.

Finance Committee

No report.

Integration Committee

No report.

Chief Few mentioned speaking to the Mayor in regards to the planned integration in October and making the decision to remain a separate entity from the City at this time.

New Business

No report.

The next Board of Directors meeting –June 8th at 6:00 P.M. Station 1.

President Hayles introduced Tim Shaner, who has expressed an interest in filling Paul Wohn’s vacancy-Board Seat 1. President Hayles asked Tim to join the board.

There being no further business, President Hayles adjourned the meeting at 6:46 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sarah Beth Sherer
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