



Clark County Fire District 6

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MINUTES

Clark County Fire District 6 Commissioners Meeting
Regular Meeting
Station 61, 7:30 p.m.
May 5, 2015

Members present: Chairman Lothspeich, Commissioner Bloemke, Commissioner Collins

Meeting called to order. Chairman Lothspeich led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion approving the April 21, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the April 21, 2015 Board workshop minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the website.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety: No report.
Parade: The District is making preparations to participate in the May 16th Hazel Dell Parade of Bands.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, Apr 2014</u>		<u>Calls, Apr 2015</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2014</u>		<u>Calls to Date</u>	
EMS	334	EMS	320	EMS	1338	EMS	1339
Fire	27	Fire	19	Fire	75	Fire	64
Cancelled	103	Cancelled	82	Cancelled	397	Cancelled	370
False Alarm	14	False Alarm	26	False Alarm	70	False Alarm	78
Good Intent	28	Good Intent	22	Good Intent	95	Good Intent	75
Other	16	Other	27	Other	79	Other	92
Total	522	Total	496	Total	2054	Total	2018

CHIEF'S REPORT:

Plans are afoot to conduct some remodeling of the office situation in Station 61. Some equipment and operations will be relocated in the building to create space for the soon to be filled IT position and to modify the old server room into another office. This work will also require some work to be performed on the adjoining wall of Chief Newberry's office.

The IT position has been advertised with 14 applicants being received to date. Following the filing deadline, staff will review the resumes of the candidates and invite 3 to 5 individuals to participate in further testing, which will include background checks and medical evaluations.

As yet, no interest has been shown by local fire agencies regarding the sale of the slip in tank and pump unit which was removed from the replaced squad. They are currently being advertised in the WFC and WFCOA newsletters.

No interest has been voiced to purchase the replaced phone system, which utilizes old technology.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board received a second draft of the proposed Firefighter Recognition Policy. Following discussion, the Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion to adopt the policy with minor modifications. Currently, no funding has been included in the 2015 Budget to conduct a recognition event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Newberry provided the Board with an executive summary detailing the results and impact of the recent Washington Surveying and Rating Bureau study of District 6. Four main areas of the report – adequacy of water supply, fire department, emergency communications and fire safety control were highlighted. Of these, the only area that received a high rating was emergency communication. By continually working with the public utility water district, some of the water supply sections may be upgraded. The fire department areas needing to be addressed are training, equipment, station locations and staffing. Each of these issues requires a significant financial outlay.

The fire safety control area falls under the Clark County Fire Marshal's Office and received a very low grade. To date, the County has done little to provide funding to enable the Fire Marshal's Office to meet its legally mandated services and this funding must be approved by the Board of County Councilors.

Currently the District's projected expenditures for 2015 exceed the total projected revenue. This has occurred because although the voter's had approved a levy rate of \$1.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value, the District will only receive \$1.2677 per \$1,000 in 2015. This figure will continue to decline to an estimated \$1.10723 in 2019. With voter approval, the authorized levy could be restored to the \$1.50 figure.

Staff is recommending that the District seek approval of a lid lift measure in the fall 2015 General Election to restore the \$1.50 per \$1,000. The rationale for this is that the District is faced with the need to replace aging apparatus, has experienced and will continue to experience major increases in call volume, and needs to address aging and inadequate facilities. Station 63

needs to be rebuilt and a new station to improve response to the northern portion of the District is envisioned.

Mandated training requirements have pointed to the need for a training facility and future additions will be required to meet increased staffing needs.

The filing deadline to place a measure in the General Election is August 4, 2015.

The Board asked staff to bring forth a formal proposal regarding a possible lid lift to its next meeting and indicated that if a lid lift was to take place, that the District should consider employing the services of a consultant to guide the process.

The Chair noted that it would be up to the voters to decide whether to approve or deny a lid lift measure and it was hoped that all segments of the department would support letting the electorate make an informed decision.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ROUND TABLE:

The SWWFCFA will hold a meeting at Lewis 2 on May 21, 2015. Commissioners Bloemke and Collins plan to attend.

124 entries have been received for the May 16th parade.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Commissioner Collins advised it is his intention to file for re-election on May 8, 2015.

The Board seconded and unanimously passed a motion authorizing payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$31,493.45
Fund 6242	\$27,600.62

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brad Lothspeich, Chairman



Richard T. Streissguth, Board Secretary