



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 3, 2016

Members present: Chairman Bloemke, Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Lothspeich.

Meeting called to order by Commissioner Bloemke.

Assistant Chief Maurer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the April 19, 2016 regular meeting and Board workshop minutes and to have them posted for public view and on the District's website. The motion passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITIZENS COMMUNICATION: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• Safety Committee: None.

• Parade Committee:

Commissioner Collins asked what is being planned for the Commissioners for the parade. He stated Commissioner Lothspeich is unavailable while working on the parade and he had discussed with Commissioner Bloemke the two of them driving Engine Zero. Also, he mentioned the banner in the truck bay with the Board member's names is to be displayed at the parade.

• Risk Management Group: None.

• Fairgrounds Fire Facility Board: None.

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CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Collins. The motion passed unanimously.

- Number of Calls Report:

<u>Calls, Apr 2015</u>		<u>Calls, Apr 2016</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2015</u>		<u>Calls to Date 2016</u>	
EMS	384	EMS	477	EMS	1617	EMS	1843
Fire	19	Fire	19	Fire	64	Fire	61
Cancelled	21	Cancelled	26	Cancelled	95	Cancelled	103
False Alarm	26	False Alarm	23	False Alarm	78	False Alarm	74
Good Intent	22	Good Intent	31	Good Intent	75	Good Intent	95
Other	24	Other	37	Other	89	Other	122
Total	496	Total	616	Total	2018	Total	2298

CHIEF’S REPORT:

- Badge Pinning Ceremony.

Chief Green introduced Firefighter/Paramedic Amy Culver. As she had already attended the state fire academy and is a journey level firefighter, she had not yet been presented her badge. Chief Green stated how fortunate the District is to have Amy. Her badge was pinned by her father.

Casey Taylor was appointed to Captain on May 1st. Chief Green provided a brief history of Casey’s fire service, from PCC Intern to being hired by the District in October 2001. He is a strong leader, a confident officer, a member of the Technical Rescue Team, a MDA advocate, has made the Seattle Firefighter stair climb eleven times and is now a member of the Mt. Hood Ski Patrol.

Captain Taylor was sworn in by Chief Green. Following the swearing in, Captain Taylor gave a talk about how much his service in the department meant to him. Captain Taylor’s badge was pinned by his wife.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. in accordance with RCW 42.30.110 (i) (b), to consider selection of a site for building. Those in attendance in Executive Session were: the three Board members, Chief Green, Assistant Chief Newberry, Assistant Chief Maurer, Jim West and Board Secretary David Taylor via telephone. The Session was expected to last until 8:20 p.m.

Following extensions at 8:20 p.m., 8:38 p.m., 8:52 p.m. and a short break at 9:02 p.m., the Board resumed regular session at 9:08 p.m. and announced no action had been taken.

The Chair recessed the regular meeting and convened the Local Board for Volunteer Firefighters. A motion was passed to approve new volunteer enrollment and to approve the invoice for volunteer reimbursement.

The Local Board for Volunteers was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The Chair resumed the Boards regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Policy for Recruit Graduation, Promotion and Recognition.**
The Awards Committee reviewed the latest revisions today. The Challenge Coin previously discussed is included in the policy, as well as commemorative coffee cups. The date for recognition of a 10+ year employee or volunteer who leaves the department set as the 3rd Tuesday in June. The Awards Committee recommends adoption.

Commissioner Bloemke suggested waiting until the next Board meeting as he had not had the opportunity to review the latest changes. Following further discussion Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to approve the policy revision. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lothspeich reported the Awards Committee will meet soon to discuss having some form of a recognition banquet annually.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Surplus Equipment.**
A list of sixty-five items recommended for declaring as surplus was developed by Chief Maurer and presented to the Board by Chief Green. Items 58 through 65 are nozzles and a Camas Fire Captain has requested the District provide them to Camas/Washougal Fire. Chief Green recommended the remaining items be auctioned through a sealed-bid process.

Commissioner Lothspeich made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Collins, to declare all 65 items as surplus. Items 1 through 57 are to be auctioned via a sealed-bid process to close May 17th at 4:00 p.m. Items 58 through 65 are to be donated to Camas/Washougal Fire for the betterment of firefighting capabilities in the County. The motion passed unanimously.

- **EMS Levy Ballot Title.**
Chief Green reported upon review of the District's EMS levy ballot title the Prosecuting Attorney had made changes, including renaming it to Proposition 2 and changing the text to confusing wording. The District's legal counsel has been provided a copy of the PA-altered text and concluded it was poorly worded. Attorney Brian Snure has contacted the Prosecuting Attorney and he has not heard back as of this meeting.

- Response to Nuisance/Health-Related Recreational Burns.
In response to recent citizen complaints received regarding their neighbor's recreational burn/fire, the Chief had investigated the District's authority and responsibilities when dealing with these types of complaints. Complaints of this nature are typically the responsibility of the SW Washington Clean Air Agency. On weekends, they are not available and the responsibility falls on the District.

The Fire District does have authority to extinguish fires not only that present a danger to structures or property, but also when the smoke creates a nuisance to a neighboring property owner.

Following discussion, the consensus was the officer on the scene will have the discretion to act appropriately and extinguish the fire as they determine is necessary.

- Facebook Performance Analysis Presentation.
As this meeting was longer than first anticipated, the Chief withdrew this from the Agenda and will reschedule this presentation for a future meeting.

ROUND TABLE and GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Commissioner Collins informed the Board if a citizen makes a donation to the Vancouver School District Foundation, another foundation will match the donation.


Commissioner Collins made a motion authorizing the payment of current bills in the amounts of:

Fund 6212	\$32,978.30
Fund 6242	\$5,513.08

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lothspeich and passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Dean Bloemke, Chair


David Taylor, Board Secretary