

MINUTES

SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BUHL CITY COUNCIL AND THE BUHL RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
JULY 15, 2019

PRESENT:

Tom McCauley	Mayor	Neal Gier	Fire District Chairman
Michael Higbee	Council President	Les Preader	Fire District Commissioner
Kyle Hauser	Council Member	Glenn Van Patten	Fire District Commissioner
Pam McClain	Council Member	Andrew Stevens	Fire Chief
Karen Drown	Clerk		

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. Karen Drown confirmed a quorum for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes of April 15, 2019: Michael moved to approve the minutes from April 15, 2019. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Review and Consideration for Evaluation Services with Pivot North: Andrew detailed an email and proposal sent by Pivot North. It broke down into the scope of work the contract would cover. Michael moved to approve the contract with Pivot North. Pam seconded the motion. There was discussion about details of the proposal and consideration of if the work is necessary right now. Michael noted that grants could not be applied for without this work and it would need done in plenty of time to apply. There was also a discussion the difference between this proposal and the ESCI study the district had done prior. Glenn moved to table the decision until the proposal could be reviewed by everyone. Michael seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed.

Presentation of proposal of Magic Valley Paramedics at Station 1: Andrew presented a proposal from St. Luke's to put a paramedic rig in Buhl for 12 hours per day. Andrew added that the Buhl and West End has the 3rd highest call volume in the valley. At this point in the discussion they would park outside and have a desk and access to wifi upstairs. They are looking to begin this in October. There was discussion about the way calls would be handled and that the same level of service would remain. Andrew noted that further discussion will take place prior to any final plans are made.

Review and Consideration of 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget:

Joint Fire Suppression Fund: Andrew presented his proposed budget. He explained the change from the original draft budget that had two new hire. The updated had one new hire and additional funds for the paid on-call staff to cover shifts. Pam moved to approve the joint suppression budget for 2019-2020. Les seconded the motion. There was further discussion about employee coverage and there are some bugs to be worked out. Andrew has been covering all shifts when short staffed. He noted two new hires would make scheduling the easiest but that takes more money, but one will help. There was further discussion for the change on the salary increases. Kyle explained that the city had to look at all funds and the money is not there for the larger increase this year. There was a roll call vote on the motion. Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, Michael voted yes, Les abstained, Neal voted yes and Glenn voted yes.

Joint Fire Capital Investment Fund: There was a discussion about the funds that were encumbered in the 2018-2019 budget year for the new fire truck and if and how they needed to be shown on the 2019-2020 budget when the funds would be expended. It was noted that Elizabeth and Mike Riffing would work on having that post correctly. Michael moved to drop the \$100,000 contribution from both the city and the district and remove the \$200,300 in expenses for architectural plans for a new station. Les seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed. Michael moved to approve the joint fire capital investment budget. Pam seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and a roll call vote on the motion was taken. Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, Michael voted yes, Les voted yes, Neal voted yes, Glenn voted yes. The motion passed.

Fire Donation Fund: Michael moved to approve the fire donation fund. Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion and there was a roll call vote on the motion. Kyle voted yes, Pam voted yes, Michael voted yes, Neal voted yes and Glenn voted yes. The motion passed.

CITIZENS CONCERNS – There were none.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting; Pam seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.