

MINUTES

Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue
Board of Directors Meeting
Training Room, Station 1
1400 West 8th Street, The Dalles, Oregon
March 20, 2017

1. ROLL CALL / AGENDA CHANGES

Board President John Willer called the March 20, 2017 meeting of Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue to order at 5:30 pm.

Directors present: John Willer, Robin Miles, Tom Ashmore, Crystal Dodge and Dick Schaffeld.

Staff: Bob Palmer, Fire Chief; Jay Wood, Division Chief; Dan Hammel, Division Chief; Dana Woods, Office Manager.

Others: Tom Peachey, Legal Counsel; FF Walt Denstedt; Dee Apperson; Lt. Eric Blumenthal

Agenda Changes: None

2. MINUTES

Minutes from the February 27, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were accepted as presented.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Cash Accounts Summary: Included in board packet.

Ambulance Service Financial Report: Included in board packet.

Director Dodge inquired about Web Page updates because she noticed that the most recent Board Meeting Agenda on the Home page is from November of 2016. As a side note, all current Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes are available on the website under the "Board of Directors" tab. DC Wood indicated that we are constantly experiencing hackers attempting to access our website. Staff is in the process of looking at a new web page vendor but any changes won't happen until next fiscal year.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Willer will be attending Urban Renewal Committee meeting on March 21, 2017. Reported that the scheduled Grand Opening of the Neon Museum will be during Neon Nights in August.

6. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

Incident Report: There were 237 calls for service in the month of February. 191 were for EMS.

911 Usage: Usage is staying consistent at 13%.

Training Division Report: Included in board packet.

Prevention Division Activities: Included in board packet.

Other:

1. Hiring Process: FF Billy Adams has completed his 3 week orientation process. 2 new hires, Jesse Metheny and Paul Hammerquist to start on April 3, 2017.
2. Training Tower Update: Conditional Use Permit Application to be reviewed for consideration on April 6, 2017. Once that is approved, we will move forward with the building permit process, hopefully to have a building permit by the end of April.
3. GO Bond: The original projected closing date of April 4, 2017 will need to be moved out to December 2017 so there is no overlap of bonds. Closing the sale in April would require that we levy taxes to pay on both bonds in the same year, and we told the taxpayers that wouldn't happen.
4. Budget Process: Moving forward preparing a final draft budget document for the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for May 16, 2017. Director Miles asked that the Budget document be distributed 7-10 days prior to the meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None

8. OLD BUSINESS

Director Miles asked about pin-pointing a day to have ISO back out. Chief Palmer already has a meeting scheduled within the next couple of weeks. Director Miles indicated that she would like to be at that meeting.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No. 2017-04: Each year, MCF&R hosts an annual awards banquet to honor members of the Fire District and its retirees. Each member and retiree may bring a guest as well. Past legal interpretation is that the District is allowed to pay for each members meal, as well as guests meals as long as it remains under the \$50.00 limit allowed by state law. Retirees and their guests are not considered public officials, therefore it is allowable for the District to pay for the cost of their dinner.

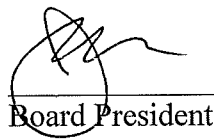
MOTION: Director Miles moved to adopt Resolution 2017-04, "A Resolution Extending an Invitation to Fire Service Retirees, and Guest, to Mid-Columbia Fire and Rescue's (MCFR) Annual Awards Banquet. Director Dodge seconded. The motion passed with Miles, Ashmore, Schaffeld, Willer and Dodge.

10. GOOD OF THE ORDER

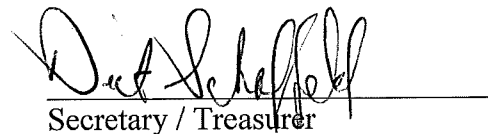
None

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by motion at 6:01 p.m.



Board President



Secretary / Treasurer

Upon conclusion of the meeting, a Swearing In Ceremony was conducted for Firefighter William (Billy) Adams.