

The minutes of the regular meeting of the Fire Commissioners of Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 held on August 26, 2020 via Zoom online.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Vern Myrick. All Commissioners and Secretary/Chief Rocky Eastman were present via Zoom. Guests included Megan Waite and Brian Jones.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was not completed due to the meeting being online.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 2020 were motioned for approval by Commissioner Hector. Commissioner Farrens seconded the motion and was carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Financial Report for July was approved as presented.

The Secretary's Budget Report for July was presented, reviewed and approved.

Chief Eastman reported that the 2021 WESCOM Dispatch Fees are proposed to stay the same, no increase.

CHIEF'S REPORT

Brandon Cadwell is in the process of closing his L&I claim, he has been deemed re-employable in a different field of work. In the coming month we expect Brandon to apply for LEOFF II disability retirement benefits. Chief Eastman is looking at other potential disability benefits for Brandon through our current insurance policies.

Chief Eastman discussed an environmental study with Captain Knowles of the City of Walla Walla Fire Department. Captain Knowles stated that all the old underground tanks were removed and at that time the soil was tested for contaminants producing negative results. The training facility agreement is for the buildings on the ground and any issues that may arise with grounds would leave the property owner liable. Chief Eastman offered writing an additional contract releasing us from future liability of any ground contaminants. The Commissioners felt that an additional contract was not necessary at this time.

Scheduling for the 2021 Budgets workshop in September was tabled until the next commissioner meeting in hopes of having it in person. Chief Eastman reported some items to consider for the 2021 budget are:

- 1) New roofs on stations 42 & 43
- 2) Updating wireless headsets
- 3) Upgrade dozer trailer
- 4) Auto cot loader for the Aid (Would be compatible with our new power cot)
- 5) Replace 8 of the 2005 AED units
- 6) Stipends increase for volunteers, same percentage as annual wage increase

Chief Eastman also reported several apparatuses are scheduled to be replaced in the next 5 years. If we submit bids for the Type 1 Engines and Tenders at the same time there would be good potential for substantial savings. A committee will be assembled sometime in 2021.

Chief Eastman reported the 2020 Open House is cancelled. A flyer will be mailed in October as a substitute.

Hatch Street and Berney Drive Annexations are on the City of WW meeting agenda for tonight.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

AUDIENCE INPUT

None

At 4:30 PM Chairman Myrick called for an executive session as allowed by RCW 42.30.140 relating to collective bargaining issues and negotiations. The executive session will be for 45 minutes.

At 5:15 PM the regular meeting reconvened.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM

The next regular Walla Walla County Fire District No. 4 Commissioner Meeting will be held on September 9, 2020 at 4:00 P.M.

Submitted by: Chief Rocky Eastman

Approved by: _____, Chairman