

Minutes of the **October 25, 2012** Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at **6:35** P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited
3. Quorum present, Commissioners McLellan, Shoppach, Ames, Rubio and Hambric.
4. Presentations: None
5. Motion to approve minutes of **September, 2012** meeting made by Commissioner Hambric and 2nd by Commissioner Ames. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Commissioner Ames presented the financial report for fiscal year 2011-2012. Motion to approve financial report made by Commissioner Hambric and 2nd by Commissioner Rubio. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Tax income and investment incomes were reviewed.
8. Accounts payable for **September** were reviewed.
9. Expenditures for BRW Architects for \$16,380, MES for \$9,860 and Richard Contreras for \$6,212 were approved.
10. Chief Keys reports: 100 calls in September and 1159 YTD. Maintenance issues: Attack#401 had the primer repaired and had a full service on the pump engine. Chief #401 went in for a full service. UT#401 will have to go to the shop for electrical issue. Lt. Ames and Administrator Larson installed the Extendo-Bed in Rescue #402. The LED lights for Pumper #401 are in and will be installed next week. We need to purchase a traffic control light bar for Rescue#402. Ladder testing will be done next month. Chief Keys stated that he is considering promoting one of the Lieutenants to Captain and possibly promoting two Firefighters to Lieutenant. Oscar Garcia is back and resumed his duties as Lieutenant. Chief Keys stated that we are having problems with people responding to calls. Part of the problem is all of the young firefighters that used to hang out at the station waiting for calls now have jobs. The Officers are looking into some kind of pay for the responders. It may be pay per call, a stipend or some other type of program. Asst. Chief Menendez is putting together information to be presented at the next meeting on options. EPFD is offering training in November at the academy. We will send as many people as can attend. We have received two more complaints from TDSHS and are responding to the issues. We will have trucks out on Halloween and the Quint will be at the Baptist Church. We have Glo-sticks to pass out as is tradition. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Ames. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Fire Marshal Hoeller e-mailed his report to all the Commissioners as he is out of town. Motion to accept report made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Ed Hamlyn of UTEP filed their final letter to the Central Appraisal District to try and clarify a small portion of the district between Horizon Fire and Clint Fire. Once this is done we should be done with the mapping. Motion to

table made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Item tabled.

13. Motion to table sales tax made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Item tabled.
14. Richard Contreras has a hearing scheduled November 1, at 1:30 P.M. in the 327th District Court to discuss the money owed us from Houston CAD. Motion to table made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Item tabled.
15. A hearing has been scheduled December 12 in the 6th County Court at 1:30 P.M. to discuss the annexation of District land by the City of El Paso. Motion to table made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Item tabled.
16. The Grajeda land that we are interested in purchasing has been rezoned to commercial by the Town of Horizon City. Mr. Grajeda does not wish to sell at this time. We would have to work with the Town of Horizon City to acquire the land through imminent domain. Motion to delete made by Commissioner Rubio and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Item deleted.
17. Motion made by Commissioner Rubio to allow Asst. Chief Menendez to apply for the Texas Forest Service Grant for disability insurance reimbursement. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ames. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion made by Commissioner Ames to Allow Asst. Chief Menendez to apply for the Texas Forest Service Grant for PPE. The gear will cost \$9860 but the grant will only reimburse \$7280. Motion seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion to table web site made by Commissioner McLellan as we are still waiting on a couple of proposals/ Motion seconded by Commissioner Ames. Item tabled.
20. Motion made by Commissioner Hambric to pay employees for a full day even when they are out of town attending conferences or seminars on behalf of the department. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Item carried unanimously.
21. Motion made by Commissioner Rubio to allow \$2834.56 for the purchase of medical supplies.
22. Motion made by Commissioner Ames to authorize Commissioner McLellan to sign the contract with Blair-Hall (General Contractor) for the construction of the new station. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rubio. Motion carried unanimously and contract was signed to be delivered on Friday to Blair-Hall.
28. John Vilerio, a guest speaker asked to speak under the Good of the District. Mr. Vilerio spoke of his concern that the Horizon Fire Department does not Conduct flow tests of the hydrants. It was explained to Mr. Vilerio that the Horizon Regional MUD owns the hydrants and that they do annual Inspections on the system and that we do not have the manpower or the Equipment to do flow tests at this time but that we may address the issue in

- the future. Mr. Vilerio was thanked for his input and concern.
23. The Board of Commissioners moved into Executive session at 8:25 P.M. and returned at 9:55 P.M.
 24. Fire Marshal's contract discussed, no action taken.
 25. Fire Chief's job description discussed, no action taken.
 26. Motion made by Commissioner Rubio to extend the Fire Marshals contract for 90 days. Motion seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Vote as follows:
For: McLellan, Hambric, and Rubio
Against: Shoppach and Ames
After the vote was taken Commissioner Shoppach asked legal what his thinking on the issue was. Richard Contreras pointed out some issues that we have had in the past with the Fire Marshal. After listening to legal Commissioner McLellan made a motion to reconsider the vote. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Commissioner Hambric opposed reconsidering the item. Motion carried. Motion made by Commissioner McLellan to not renew Fire Marshal's contract and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Vote as follows:
For: McLellan, Ames and Shoppach
Against: Hambric
Commissioner Rubio abstained from voting. Motion carried unanimously.
 27. Chief Keys asked for clarification of one or two items on the Fire Chief's job description. Once clarification was made Commissioner Ames made a motion to accept Chief's job description. Motion seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Vote as follows:
For: McLellan, Shoppach, Ames and Rubio
Against: Hambric
Motion carried.
 29. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 15, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.
 30. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Rubio. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 P.M.