

Minutes of the February 25, 2016 Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:33 P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Quorum present: Commissioners Shoppach, Gelasco and Sanchez and Bonneau-Montoya Commissioners McLellan not in attendance. Also present; Attorney Richard Contreras, Captain Daniel Ames, Administrator Ron Larson, Administrative Accountant Katherine Ames and Gabby Ferro from El Paso County Auditor's Office.
4. Presentations: Mr. Luis Javier Lopez asked to speak to the Board regarding his property at 12959 Thackery. He is constructing a 4 building apartment complex with 4 apartments per building. He is asking for a waiver from the sprinkler requirements for this project. He asked to be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.
5. Motion to accept consent agenda made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
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9. No items brought in for expenditures.
10. Chief's report: Chief Menendez not in attendance, report given by Captain Ames in his absence. Captain Ames reports 197 calls in January and 497 year to date. \$16,174 last month in stipend payments. Training going well with good turnout. R403 has been stripped of all equipment getting ready to take to auction. R401 was involved in a minor MVA, (our fault). Rescue received minor dent and broken taillight which will be repaired in house. Other car was taken to Dynamix for estimate of repairs. Cost estimate was \$655.86. The owner was given the choice between taking the car to Dynamix and we would pay for the repairs or accept a check in the amount of \$^55.86 and take it where she wants. Owner accepted check. WE have had a number of fires lately, good work done by all. We had a citizen complain that we ruined her washing machine by filling up truck at a hydrant up the street from her house. We also had a complaint about getting water on a car, however the vehicle was parked in a fire lane. Board directed that from now on a HPD officer be called to deal with the situation. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Report accepted.
11. Fire Marshals Report: Fire Marshal Guillen not in attendance. Motion to table made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
12. EMS Report: Captain Ames we are averaging 8 calls per day according to dispatch. All times and report numbers are now automatically downloaded to the report by dispatch. Texas Department of State Health Services audited the C.E. program and it was found to be in compliance. Motion to accept EMS report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Communications: Dispatchers report everything good. Still upgrading system. Motion to accept report made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Report accepted.
14. Audit: Mr. Pena from the audit firm of Pena, Briones presented the audit to the Commissioners. It is an unqualified audit. Mr. Pena went over the report with the Board. A couple minor discrepancies were pointed out in the letter prepared by the auditor that accompanied the report. The report indicated that we did not have good control over cash on the debit cards. It was pointed out to Mr. Pena that no one in the department has the pin numbers for the debit cards and therefore they cannot be used for cash. The only person who has access to the pin number is our contact at the bank where the cards were issued from. Mr. Pena said he will make the correction. Motion to accept audit with changes noted made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Audit accepted.
15. BRW/Blair Hall: Richard Contreras said that Blair-Hall rejected our proposal for settlement. We have a remediation hearing set for March 9. Motion to keep moving forward made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Motion carried unanimously.
16. Motion to table CAD lawsuit made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Item tabled.
17. Motion to allow \$2,888.73 for 3 people to attend the OEM Conference in San Antonio made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion to table block party resolution as Fire Marshal not in attendance made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
19. Motion to table FM/FD secretary made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
20. Motion to table ESD/FD contract made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
21. Motion to table MCT's as Chief not in attendance made by Commissioner Gelasco and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
22. Motion to table land made by Commissioner Shoppach and seconded by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya. Item tabled.
23. Motion to accept the ESD SOP's with spelling correction noted made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
24. We have been approached for use of the station as a possible early voting station. We feel it would be an opportunity to show off the station to the public. Commissioner Gelasco will contact and get all the details. Motion to allow made by Commissioner Bonneau-Montoya and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
25. Good of the District: Nothing
26. Next meeting will be one week early because of scheduling conflicts. Scheduled for March 17, 2016 at 6:30 P.M.

27. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Gelasco. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.