

Minutes of the February 27, 2014 Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. Pledge of allegiance was recited.
3. Quorum present: Commissioners McLellan, Shoppach, Ames, Gelasco and Shoppach. Also present were attorney Richard Contreras, Mr. Eyeington from Socorro Schools and Milton Blankenship of Casco Industries.
4. Presentations: None
5. Motion to approve consent agenda made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Motion carried unanimously.
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9. No expenditures to report.
10. Asst. Chief Menendez presented Chief's report as Chief Keys not in attendance. 210 calls in January, the first time EVER that the department has gone over 200 calls in one month. 375 calls YTD. We had a complaint made against one of drivers about his driving while responding to a call. The firefighter was talked to about incident. Motion to accept Chief's report made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Gelasco. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Fire Marshal's quarterly report was given in January. He reports that Firefighter Ornelas is doing an excellent job and is picking up more and more of the inspections. We may need to look and Administrative Asst. Noel working more hours for the Fire Marshal's Office. Motion to accept Fire Marshal's report made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Motion made by Commissioner Hambric to adopt the alarm policy as presented. Fee will be \$100 after the third response for a nuisance alarm. Our policy will mimic the EPFD and District #2 policies. Motion seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Motion carried unanimously.
13. Fire Marshal Guillen presented Paul Solis to the Board to introduce him. Mr. Solis will be added to the Fire Marshal's Office as a PRN. Mr. Solis has certifications in inspections, plans review, investigations, haz-mat and also holds an instructor certification. He is also a certified peace officer. He has accepted the position as PRN for \$18/hour and we will hold his peace officer and TCFP credentials. Motion to accept Mr. Solis made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
14. SISD fees. Richard presented a letter he received from SISD stating that they accepted our counter-proposal of paying us \$15,000 and putting the balance of the fees in an escrow account while waiting for an Attorney General's Opinion on our authority and ability to enforce plans review and inspections. Richard will draft contract. Motion to accept proposal made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Motion carried unanimously.
15. Tom Lawrence, our financial advisor sent us 6 separate packages for us to choose from for financing the new Rescue/Pumper. The package chosen was for us to

finance \$500,000 and to pull \$262,883 from reserve for the down payment. Motion to accept proposal made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.

16. Motion to adopt the resolution for the Pumper/Rescue financing made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
17. Motion made by Commissioner Hambric to allow \$9,608 for up to four people to attend training at Texas A & M in July. Texas Forest Service will reimburse the tuition in the amount of \$2,400. Motion seconded by Commissioner McLellan. Motion carried unanimously.
18. Motion made by Commissioner McLellan to allow \$4,000 to rent the Country Club pool area and have dinner catered on 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This will keep the firefighters together and able to respond. Motion seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Asst. Chief Menendez is asking the Board to have the Christmas Party back at Cattleman's Steakhouse. He would need a \$500 deposit to reserve now. Commissioner Hambric suggested that we have it at the ball room at the Country Club. The cost would be way less and we would still be in District. Motion to table this item made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Item tabled.
20. Motion to accept Pena, Briones, McDaniel & Co. as our new auditors. Ron will meet with them next week. Motion made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Motion carried unanimously.
21. Station Equipment: The firefighters would like to look at adding a rowing machine and some additional weights for the weight room at the new station. Price is \$6,262. The Board stated that we will wait until we move in and see what kind of room we have. BRW Architects, Blair-Hall and Roof-Toppers are still arguing about who is going to pay for what on the side panels for the new station. Roof-Toppers say they will do no work until they get paid by Blair-Hall. Richard says let them work it out. Legal will handle any questions that arise regarding the new station. He will keep a separate log for billing on any station issues he deals with so that it may be charged back. Motion to table made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Item tabled.
22. Quantum Engineering: Motion to delete made by Commissioner Ames and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Item deleted.
23. Motion to delete ASME parts made by Commissioner McLellan and seconded by Commissioner Hambric. Item deleted.
24. The Fire Marshal's rank will be "District Fire Marshal" and he will be issued a black helmet with his gear. Motion to accept made by Commissioner Hambric and seconded by Commissioner Shoppach. Motion carried unanimously.
25. Executive Session: No Executive Session needed.
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27. Delete
28. For the Good of the District: Richard stated that he will be getting the settlement from the taxes owed us by the city next week. The amount is \$25,675.06. Asst.

Chief Menendez will be meeting with the Town of Horizon City in March to determine exactly what our portion of the dispatcher cost will be.

29. Next meeting will be Thursday March 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

30. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner McLellan. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.