

## Minutes of the May 23, 2019 Commissioners Meeting

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Quorum present, Commissioners Keys, Mayberry, Sanchez and Berumen. Commissioner Koester has resigned from the Board.
3. Pledge of Allegiance recited.
4. Presentations: None
5. Motion to accept minutes from the April 25, 2019 Commissioners meeting made by Commissioner Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Minutes accepted.
6. Communications; Sarai Yepez from Communications reports 376 calls in April consisting of:
  - 6-alarm
  - 12-assistance
  - 11-brush fires
  - 0-car fires
  - 13-leaks, 12 water and 1 gas
  - 207-medical
  - 3-miscellaneous
  - 66-MVA
  - 6-Structure firesCombined ESD#1 and ESD#2 responded to 25 fires.  
HFD assisted with 8 fires in ESD#2, 5 in Montana Vista, 1 in Socorro, 1 in San Elizario and 1 in Fabens.  
HFD responded to a total of 14 structure fires in May.  
In District fires:

15000 Ashford at the Townhomes. A 60 year old female reported to be inside structure with heavy fire and smoke in the kitchen area. On scene report indicated working fire on the alpha side. Search and rescue initiated for the female. She was located and treated for smoke inhalation. Fire was extinguished and 1-800 Board-Up was called to assist homeowner. HFD had a 4-minute response.

433 Reilly- Possible structure fire. Visible smoke and flames reported. On scene unit reported illegal burn. Homeowner was advised of the County burn ban. Fire Was extinguished and units cleared.

Antwerp/Danube- Neighbor reported a loud boom down the street on Weiermann. On scene unit reported a backyard grill fire that had already been extinguished. Units cleared.

Zapata/Nayarit-abandoned structure with smoke and flames visible. Unit reports condition 1 fire and canceled additional units. Fire was extinguished and units cleared.

3805 Saco- Homeowner reports trouble with furnace. No smoke of flames but furnace making “popping noises”. On scene report of no fire and Texas Gas was contacted to check the furnace.

Motion to accept Communications report made by Commissioner Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Report accepted.

7. Chiefs report; Report given by Assistant Chief Ames as Chief running late. He reports 284 calls in May and 1356 year to date. Stipend for the month was \$27,296.52 based on 2517 hours. Attended an 80-hour rope tech course with a total of 14 students The parts for the repair of R405 are in. We will schedule it to be put in the shop next week. New rims were purchased for R402 as the old ones showed stress fractures. We had a claim denied for workman’s comp by Texas Mutual Insurance. Numerous structure fires last month as reported. Building committee met to try to find cuts for Station #2 to bring cost down. They were able to cut the total by \$128,056. We had 3 SAR calls in one day including one in Culberson County. We are working with The Town of Horizon City on a firework show they are planning for July 6, 2019. Motion to accept Chief’s report made by Commissioner Berumen and seconded by Commissioner Mayberry. Report accepted.
8. Fire Marshal’s report; Fire Marshal Guillen reports that he has been in talks with the Town of Horizon City regarding their 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. The Plans School is coming soon. Commissioner Keys asked that he create a cover sheet to go along with permits stating what fire code we follow, when it was adopted, the International Code we follow and when it was adopted and a short paragraph explaining each of the codes. Motion to accept Fire Marshal’s report made by Commissioner Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Report accepted.
9. Communications contract; Chief McConnell from HPD presented the contract to the Board. The original contract was a 5-year contract and was signed in September of 2014 so it time to renew it. He said the basic contract has not changed; in fact, our cost will go down \$915.23 over last year’s cost as long as we don’t have some kind of catastrophic event. We will have our legal and the Town’s legal go over the contract to make sure everyone agrees with the terms. Motion to allow President of the Board sign the contract made by Commissioner Berumen and seconded by Commissioner Mayberry. Motion carried unanimously. Chief McConnell then explained that the Town is looking to build a new city hall and he needs to upgrade the communications equipment. He presented a plan that the Town has worked out for the Town to purchase the equipment and we will help pay for the expense over a 5-year time period. Information only. No action taken.

10. Preliminary budget; Administrative Accountant Ames presented the 2019-2020 preliminary budget to the Board and the breakdown of various accounts. Motion to accept report made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Berumen. Report accepted.
11. Administrative Accountant Ames presented the Board with our budget calendar for this year. Motion to accept calendar made by Commissioner Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
12. Replotting of land; Motion to delete made by commissioner Mayberry and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item deleted.
13. Station #2; The building committee met and was able to cut \$128,056 from the cost of the station. We will need to borrow an additional \$1.2 million dollars to cover the cost of the station as bids came in higher than expected. Attorney Contreras stated that we need to have stipulated in the contract that any monies left at the end of the project me be re-appropriated. Motion made by Commissioner Berumen to allow Board President Keys sign the contract with Medlock Contractors and the building committee be able to work with ASA Architects on any changes. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Motion carried unanimously.
14. Attorney Contreras asked the Boards permission to write a letter to Fred Loya Insurance demanding the balance of the money owed us for the rock wall repair. The cost to repair the wall was \$7,690.91 which was paid by the ESD. We have received to date \$6,401.09 from Fred Loya Insurance leaving a balance of \$1,289.82. Motion to allow legal to proceed made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Berumen. Motion carried unanimously.
15. The lawsuit against the County of El Paso is ongoing. The arguments they presented to the judge were all denied. The County is now appealing that ruling. Information only, no action taken.
16. Motion to table job descriptions made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Berumen. Item tabled.
17. Motion to table ESD flow chart made by Commissioner Berumen and seconded by Commissioner Sanchez. Item tabled.
18. Fire equipment; Chief Menendez asked the Board for \$2,959 for the purchase of 20 sections (1000 ft.) of 2 ½” hose from account 9100.02 and \$2,196 for the purchase of 15 radio batteries from account 9000.02. Motion to allow purchase made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Mayberry. Motion carried unanimously.
19. Motion to table Open Records fees made by Commissioner Berumen and seconded by Commissioner Mayberry. Item tabled.
20. For the Good of the District; The Scott Combat Challenge will be coming to Bassett Center in September. Dave Valero from 1-800 Board-Up is coordinating the event. He is asking for a donation of \$7,000. Our teams would get free entry into the event with a donation.

ESPN will be here to televise it. Chief Menendez reports he checked with the Sheriff's Department on the liability of us having their quads here and using fire trucks to haul them to scenes. The Sheriff said their liability insurance covers them with us towing them or not. Asst. Chief Ames met with TDH for our yearly audit and everything was good. Board President announced that he is turning in his resignation from the Board as he is moving to Abilene Texas at the end of the month. Gabby Ferro from the County of El Paso who always attends our Board meetings announced that she is leaving the County at the end of the month. All wished her good luck and thanked her for all her assistance over the last three years.

21. Next meeting will be a special meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. as Commissioner Mayberry will be leaving right after that and be gone for a month.
22. Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Sanchez and seconded by Commissioner Mayberry. Meeting adjourned at 8:41 P.M.