



Loveland Rural
Fire Protection
District

Fire & Rescue Authority Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, November 15, 2012

Members Present:

Board Chair Jeff Swanty
Mayor Cecil Gutierrez
Councilor John Fogle
Fire Chief Randy Mirowski
Public Safety Admin. Dir. Renee Wheeler

Rural Board Secretary Greg White
City Manager Bill Cahill
Division Chief Ned Sparks
Asst. City Attorney Moses Garcia
BSC Roylene Sterkel

Absent Members:

Asst. City Attorney Teresa Ablao

Call to Order:

Chairman Swanty called the Fire & Rescue Authority Board meeting to order on the above date at 1:05 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Board participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Secretary Sterkel conducted roll call.

Awards and Presentations: None

Public Comment: None

Consent Agenda:

1. Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1 & 2. Councilor Fogle seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Regular Agenda:

3. Approval of Purchasing Contracts for Radios.

Public Safety Admin. Director Wheeler explained that agreements in excess of \$100,000 must be approved by the Board. The purchase order to Motorola for the radios has been prepared, as well as one to Wireless Advanced for programming of the radios. With the Boards approval we will move forward with those purchases. Renee thanked Chief Smith and Lt. Friedrichsen for their work in negotiating prices with the vendors.

Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the purchase. Councilor Fogle seconded the motion and it carried.

4. Conduct Public Hearing and Appropriate the 2013 Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Budget.

Public Safety Admin. Director Wheeler explained that the Board approved the 2013 budget at their September meeting and now needs to approve the appropriation of those funds. The City Council and Rural Fire Protection District both approved the appropriation at earlier meetings. City Manager Cahill moved to approve the appropriation and Councilor Fogle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

5. Review the Third Quarter Budget Report.

Public Safety Admin. Director Wheeler summarized that revenues for 2012 are at 62.9% of the annual budget, compared to 88.2% for the same time last year. She indicated that the federal grant for the radios skews this percent of collections because the radios have not been purchased yet. If the grant budget was excluded, the revenue collected would be at 73.6%. The Board reviewed page 6 of the *Budget Biz* that summarized other resources that are in the works. Renee said that the Service Agreements on the AED's are pending. Indications are that development should increase in 2013 which will increase revenues in that area.

6. Consider the Loveland Rural Fire Protection District Mill Levy Election Results.

Rural Board Secretary Greg White talked about the passing of the mill levy. He said that he hasn't received the certified results from the County yet. The unofficial number of voters was 10,045 with 58.2% voting yes and 41.8% voting

no. For the May, 2011 election they sent out 11,165 ballots so the return for this election was high. The County only sent out ballots to residents, not people who own rural property but don't live in the rural. Other property owners had to either request a ballot by mail or go to a voting place. Greg thanked the Board, the City Council and the Rural Fire Protection District for their support.

Rural Board President Dave Legits said a big thank-you needs to be given to the firefighters in Loveland and Big Thompson Canyon for their hard work and many hours spent going door to door. He feels their efforts changed a lot of people's opinions. City Manager Cahill also thanked staff for all their work.

Chief Mirowski said that our firefighters contacted over 4,500 voters in the six weeks prior to the election. He talked about how much work over the last three years it took to establish the Fire Authority and his concerns for the Authority if the election would not have been favorable. With the election behind us, we can move forward to build and prosper over the next five years. He also said that we need to be proactive for the future.

The Board discussed Fire Station 2 and 10 and how those locations will impact the rural in a positive way. The question was asked as to why the City annexed the land where Station 2 is being built instead of leaving it in the rural. Asst. City Attorney Garcia said that there is an IGA with the County that obligates the City to incorporate property. Chief Mirowski indicated that City CEF's are being used for the funding for the station, so it made sense to pursue annexation.

Chief Mirowski said that we have accomplished everything in Phase 1 of our Strategic Plan except for approval for the CSD Lt. position. Chairman Swanty recommended that we move forward with that position now that the election is over. City Manager Cahill said a Supplemental request in the 2013 budget will need to be submitted. Mayor Gutierrez moved to approve the position and Councilor Fogle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board talked about how oil and gas leasing may affect the rural areas. Councilor Fogle asked if we charge any fees currently in the Rural. Rural Secretary White indicated that Hughes Associates does plan reviews in the 25/34 corridor, but it is a wash for those fees. Councilor Fogle said we need to make sure that oil and gas companies that may come in pay their fair share of costs associated with their industry. Chief Mirowski said that we are looking at estimates for things like response apparatus that may be needed for those types of calls. Training costs are harder to estimate. We need to be consistent between the City and the Rural as to what costs may be applied. City Manager Cahill indicated that there may be a slow down on when the oil and gas companies actually come in.

7. Proposed Amendments to the 2012 International Fire Code.

Chief Green said that FRAC and CAB had a joint meeting this week to review the Code and talk about any amendments that we may want to incorporate before adopting the 2012 Codes. The one item for Fire is to not require residential fire sprinklers in all new homes as mandated in the 2012 Codes. This is an economic issue as well as concerns about who can install systems. Right now this is not regulated by the federal or state government. There are also concerns over antifreeze systems. The adoption of the code will be the responsibility of the Board once all the public input has been received and incorporated into any amendments. The Board agreed that they need more information before any type of decision can be made. Asst. City Attorney Garcia said it will be the Boards obligation to give data to City Council relative to any decision. Chief Green said we hope to take the issue to Council the 1st quarter of 2013.

8. Review Briefing Papers and Correspondence.

Chief Mirowski said that Fire Station Six and Two, as well as the IGA with Thompson Valley EMS are all progressing well. City Manager Cahill asked if there is any kind of celebration planned for the completion of Station 6? Chief Sparks said it should be done within the next couple of weeks. Nothing has been planned yet.

City Manager Cahill said he would like to see us have some regulations in place before next year's fire season begins. This past season the County was changing the on-and-off ban on fires regularly and it affected our jurisdiction because we were trying to follow their lead. The problem is that the County can change something by Resolution so it happens immediately, but we operate by Ordinance which means changes have to go through 2 readings at Council. This issue will be addressed at a later date by City Manager Cahill and Chief Mirowski.

The Board talked about the upcoming retreat to be held at Fire Station 6 on December 13th from 1:00-5:00 p.m. An election of officers for the Authority Board will need to take place at that meeting. We will also be looking at what we did well in 2012 and what we need to improve on in 2013.

Rural Board Secretary White said that Dave Legits and Jeff Swanty were both re-appointed to the Rural Board for another year.

With no further business at hand, Chairman Swanty moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Sterkel