

**SUN CITY FIRE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
9:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: David C. Scott, Board Chairman

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: David Scott, Walter Link, Jack Leonard, Robert Luger, Phil Griswold

Members Absent: None

Staff: Fire Chief Mike Thompson, Finance Manager Gabe Buldra, Fire Marshal Jim Fox, and Administrative Managers Deborah Musselman and Lisa Neubert.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Phil Griswold, Board Member

INVOCATION: Bob Luger, Chaplain

I. The minutes of the August 18, 2015 regular meeting and the September 8, 2015 special meeting were approved.

II. **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Chief Thompson introduced Gloria Flores who is a new part-time administrative assistant for the Department.

III. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

A. Budget and Finance (Leonard/Griswold)

1. Finance Director Gabe Buldra presented the monthly financial report to the board. The board voted unanimously to accept this report.

MOTION: "To accept the monthly financial report for the month of August 2015 as presented by Financial Director Gabe Buldra." (M: Phil Griswold/S: Robert Luger)

Ayes: Jack Leonard, Walter Link, Robert Luger, David Scott, Phil Griswold
Nays: None

2. Chief Thompson presented a Stifel Preliminary Underwriter Engagement proposal for general obligation bonds. Mr. Brian Lundberg, managing director for Stifel, reviewed the proposal with the board and said that the Federal Trade Commission requires the engagement proposal if there is potential that a transaction could occur down the road. The engagement proposal allows Stifel to give the board District specific information about general obligation bonds. The item was unanimously approved. (M: Robert

Luger/S: Phil Griswold)

Ayes: Jack Leonard, Walter Link, Robert Luger, David Scott, Phil Griswold

Nays: None

B. Legal and Insurance (Luger/Griswold)

1. Chief Thompson gave an update on the CON proceedings. The hearings have been rescheduled for January 2016. Additionally he reported that Rural/Metro has removed dedicated ambulances from the City of Glendale as their contract has expired. He is concerned that Rural/Metro will have to pull dedicated Sun City ambulances to cover those areas in Glendale when there are ambulance shortages. There is a meeting scheduled next week to discuss this issue.

C. Fire Department Operations (Scott/Link)

1. Chief Thompson recognized USCFFA Vice-President Rob Schmitz's meeting attendance and asked if he had anything to report to the board. Mr. Schmitz expressed appreciation for the Board taking action on investigating general obligation bonds to allow for construction of a new station and apparatus replacement.

D. Grounds and Equipment (Link/Scott)

1. Chief Thompson reported that currently there were three major breakdowns in the fleet. Additionally all major repairs will be required to have competitive bidding prior to the work being performed.
2. Fire Marshal Jim Fox gave an update on the Union Hills expansion project. The agreement for purchasing a portion of our property has not been completed with Maricopa County yet. Fire Marshal Fox sent an email this morning asking for a status update. The blue-staking and surveying of this property has been completed.
3. Chief Thompson said that the Department will be apply for a Governor's Office of Highway Safety grant for extrication equipment when it opens in early 2016. We have been awarded this grant in past years. Currently most of our extrication equipment is no longer operable due to age and if we are not successful in receiving this grant, we will remove all the extrication equipment off of our units.

E. Special Projects (Leonard/Luger)

1. Mary Dickinson gave an overview of upcoming public education events in the month of October. The GAIN Event will be held in Youngtown on October 3rd from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The Recreation Centers will be hosting a carnival on October 17th at the Sun Bowl from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. The Recreation Centers will be donating all proceeds from this event to the Department.

IV. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- A. Chief Thompson gave a report on July 2015 report data. The incident response summary and fleet fuel cost report are on file in the Fire Board office for review.**

- B. Fire Prevention Report – Fire Marshal Fox presented the prevention inspection summary and the prevention volunteer summary hours for July 2015. All reports are on file in the Fire Board office for review. Additionally Fire Marshal Fox gave an overview of current district building projects and their statuses.
- C. Public Education Report – Administrative Assistant Mary Dickinson presented the community education volunteer report and hours for July 2015. All reports are on file in the Fire Board office for review.
- D. Chaplain’s Report (Luger) – No report.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- A. Youngtown Mayor LeVault reported that the Peoria Avenue straightening project will begin next month and could take up to six months.
- B. Board Chairman David Scott recognized Gennie Evans as the newly appointed Sun City Sheriff’s Posse representative.

VIII. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

- A. The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on October 20, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. at the Sun City Fire Department Community Room located at 18602 N. 99th Avenue.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE BOARD

Walter A. Link
Clerk of the Board

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