

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 16, 2021 4:30 PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 **Call to order.**

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M.

2 **Pledge of allegiance.**

3 **Roll Call of members.**

Present were Chairman Thurman, Acting Clerk Montgomery, Member Junkins. Member Baca was present telephonically. Member Provinzano was not present.

4 **Pinning Ceremony for Rudy Armenta, Engineer**

Firefighter Rudy Armenta was sworn as an Engineer Paramedic by Chairman Thurman. He was pinned by his mother, Velona Armenta.

5 **Call to the public. (The Fire Board can only respond to items on the Agenda, Comments limited to two minutes each.)**

There was no public comment.

6 **Chief's Report:**

a) Monthly and year-to-date financials.

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board. A copy of this report is filed with the packet for this meeting.

There were about 200 calls in the month of May. 114 of which were EMS calls.

The new records management system is in place.

The new ambulance billing company has been doing a really good job with a better collection rate than the previous billing company.

There is about \$13,000 outstanding owed to Mayer Fire District (MFD) for highway billing.

b) Current event report.

There is one firefighter, Captain Haney off district at a wildland fire as a Strike Team Leader.

The Instructor I class was just completed with 13 attending.

The Instructor II class will be at the end of summer.

Hose management training was completed.

Station #21 title changes are still in progress to have it solely in the name of Mayer Fire District Station #21.

Firefighter Paramedic Rudy Armenta was promoted to Engineer.

Firefighter Paramedic Janine Jaber was hired full-time.

8 new reserve firefighters have been brought on.

IT was switched over to the new company.

The new radio tower in Crown King went online today. This should eliminate dead spots on I 17.

Senate bill, 1601 or 1603, when signed will repay special districts who lost money in the pipeline deal.

Mayer Fire District is out about \$75,000.00 plus interest. There is another amount due of \$78,000.00, the first payment of \$14,000.00 is due this year. With the Senate bill, we should be able to recoup all the money. Once that is done, we plan to petition to change the assessed value back.

FEMA contacted us requesting an MOU between MFD and Williamson Valley Fire District (WVFD) in order to be considered for a \$100,000.00 wildland radio grant.

Senator Kelly contacted Chief Smith regarding the needs of the Districts. Earmarks may allow us to get 6 new heart monitors between WVFD and MFD.

Still waiting to see if the solar project is approved in January. If so, the land will be annexed into the fire district.

Chief Smith states that everything is going smoothly with the many transitions and changes.

Chief Smith thanked everyone who stepped up to cover for him while he was away due to his wife's

hospital stay.

One of the ambulances required a new motor. It should be back in service in 5 days.

7 ***Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report.***
There was no news to report.

8 ***Consent Agenda.***

Member Baca motioned to accept the consent agenda. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

9 ***Resolution #2021-03 Obligor Resolution for refinancing the USDA loan with Republic First National retroactive to May 19, 2021***

Chief Smith explained the term will go from 27 years to 20 years and the interest rate is lower at 2.75% down from 6%.

Acting Clerk Montgomery motioned to approve Resolution #2021-03 Obligor Resolution for refinancing the USDA loan with Republic First National retroactive to May 19, 2021. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

10 ***Approval to post the 2021 / 2022 Budget***

There was a slight increase for medical supplies, and a 3% pay increase for employees.

Member Junkins motioned for approval to post the 2021 / 2022 Budget. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

11 ***Approval to transfer funds from the General Fund into Capital Reserve***

Chief Smith informed the Board of account balances.

Member Junkins motioned to approve the transfer of \$100,00.00 from the General Fund into Capital Reserve. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

12 ***Repairs needed for shop #1801***

Member Montgomery motioned to approve repairs needed for shop #1801 in the amount of \$19,200.00 Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

13 ***Future Agenda items***

Public hearing and adopt budget.


14 ***Future meeting dates.***

The next regular board meeting will be July 28, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

15 ***Adjournment***

Chairman Thurman motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman called the meeting adjourned at 5:05 P.M.

 7-28-2021

Clerk Provinzano

Date