

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 28, 2021 4:30 PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 **Call to order.**

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:31 P.M.

2 **Pledge of allegiance.**

3 **Roll Call of members.**

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

4 **Pinning Ceremony for Kristopher Mantey, Lieutenant/Paramedic**

Chairman Thurman thanked Lieutenant/Paramedic Kristopher Mantey for his service to Mayer Fire District and acknowledged the effort put forth to attain the rank of Lieutenant. Kathleen Mantey performed the pinning.

The pinning ceremony for Janine Jaber Firefighter/Paramedic will be held on a later date.

The pinning ceremony for Brandon Hopkins Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician will be held on a later date.

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:**

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

a) **Monthly and year-to-date financials**

The new ambulance billing company that started with us in mid-March has surpassed our expectations every month. Over \$100,000.00 was collected in June, something this district has never seen before.

We ended with a \$100,000.00 carry-over that we put into Capital Reserve at the end of the fiscal year.

At the start of the new fiscal year, we pulled about \$175,000.00 back out to live on until tax revenue comes in. This will allow us to avoid borrowing money from the County and paying interest.

The land for MFD Station #21 needs to be titled to include the name of Mayer Fire District in order to complete the refinance that was approved earlier this year. Until that is completed, the USDA loan and reserve payments will continue.

b) **Current event report.**

The new radio equipment was installed at Crown King. The migration of our Internet and servers has been about 75% completed. We were able to take advantage of WVFD (Williamson Valley Fire District) 501-C-3 not-for-profit to license all 5 servers for \$15.00 versus a normal cost of \$1000.00. All of the stations are now off the microwave. The radio technicians from CAFMA (Central Arizona Fire and Medical) are going to re-program our radios on 7/29/2021. Once that is done, the old equipment can be taken off and MFD (Mayer Fire District) can terminate the lease on the tower.

The record management system put in place is working very well.

The grant-funded HazMat class will start on August 23.

Annual Technical Rescue Technician class will start two weeks after the HazMat class.

7 **Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report.**

Captain Jake Alanis stated that all is going well and there is nothing new to report at this time

8 **Consent Agenda.**

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

9 **Acceptance of Mark Provinzano's resignation from the Fire Board retroactive to July 7, 2021**

Member Junkins motioned to accept the resignation of Clerk Mark Provinzano from the Mayer Fire Board, retroactive to July 7, 2021. Acting Clerk Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

10 Open Board position

Member Baca stated that the precedent has been established that a new ad be published rather than pulling from previous applicants, pointing to reaching residents that may be new to the district.

Member Baca motioned to post the open board seat. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

All agreed that the open seat should be posted for 30 days with interviews completed before, and a selection voted on, at the October board meeting. The seat must be filled by October 28, 2021.

11 Public Hearing on the 2021 / 2022 Budget

The public hearing began at 4:55 P.M.

Chairman Thurman asked how the proposed solar farm would affect the budget.

Chief Smith responded that the solar farm will know in January, 2022 if they are going to get the bid. The annexation process would start at that time. We would not see any tax revenue from this project until the 2023-24 budget year.

Other potential annexation into Mayer Fire District is the back side of Mayer. There are about 40 parcels and homes that could add tax revenue sooner.

There is also a local vineyard and there are several parcels on Poland road that could be annexed into MFD. Ground has been broken on the urgent care facility associated with the Love's truck stop. It will be about 2 years before any tax revenue is recognized from that project.

The next budget year, 2022-23, will see tax revenue from the original Love's truck stop project.

Chief Smith stated that the current budget was able to issue a 3% raise to the employees.

There was net-zero growth tax revenue this year due to a 5% increase in residential and commercial tax revenue, offset by a 5% decrease in the pipeline tax revenue.

The Special Districts application for pipeline debt to be forgiven for the next 5 years has been submitted, resulting in the amount of \$61,000.00 to be forgiven by the State.

The public hearing concluded at 5:05 P.M.

12 Adoption of the 2021 / 2022 Budget

Member Junkins motioned to adopt the 2021 / 2022 budget. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

13 Annexation of 8500 East Poland Road, Poland Junction

Member Junkins motioned to proceed with annexation of 8500 East Poland Road into the Mayer Fire District. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

14 Future Agenda Items

Revisit Drug and Alcohol policy now that marijuana has been made legal/recreational

15 Future Meeting dates

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 18, 2021 at 4:30 P.M.

16 Adjournment.

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

Chairman Thurman called the meeting adjourned at 5:09 P.M.

Clerk

Date

8/18/2021