

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 15, 2021 4:30PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 Call to order

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.

2 Pledge of allegiance

3 Roll Call of members

Present were Chairman Thurman, Member Baca, Clerk Runyan. Member Montgomery and Member Junkins were not present.

4 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.

5 Chief's Report:

a) November financials

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

The first half of the year taxes came in as expected.

The ambulance billing company continues to outperform what we expected. We collected \$128,000.00 last month. We had budgeted to collect \$70,000.00. We are on track to collect \$100,000.00 this month.

Preliminary reports of next year's assessed values from the County indicate that next year is going to be a really good year for Mayer. Love's truck stop will be coming online. We have had pretty good growth. Chief Smith receives 2-10 building permits per week, mostly manufactured homes. A 20% increase in assessed valuation is expected. If this happens, it will allow us to reduce the mill levy rate to 2.99 from 3.25, giving the taxpayers a break and to pay off a truck.

Ambulance billing is on track to collect over \$1,000,000.00 this year.

We will know in January if the solar farm has a lease. If that happens, we will start the annexation process for the land so that when it is built, we will get the tax revenue from it. The amount is projected to be \$700,00.00 to \$1,000,000.00 new construction revenue.

A statewide sales tax will be on the 2022 ballot. It is one-tenth of one percent that is ear-marked solely for Fire Districts. This creates a secondary revenue stream for fire districts. It is predicted to bring in about \$150,000,000.00 in its first year. There are 144 fire districts and money would be distributed per capita. Mayer Fire District should receive roughly \$700,000.00 per year from this tax.

b) Current event report

The department Christmas party and awards were this past weekend with about 100 in attendance.

Captain LaGreca was awarded Fire Officer of the Year.

Wesley Cerniglia, who was just hired full-time, was awarded Reserve Firefighter of the Year.

Raul Rocha was awarded Engineer of the Year.

Wayne Overson was awarded Firefighter of the Year.

The Crown King intergovernmental agreement has been signed by both Mayer Fire and Crown King fire boards. Before signing, one administrative position was eliminated at Crown King. The Crown King payroll for four employees will be absorbed by Mayer Fire administration.

The current fire chief for Crown King will transition to regular full-time firefighter on January 1, 2022.

The annual audit will be completed on time and Walker and Armstrong will present the results at the next board meeting after it is finalized.

6 **Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report**
Brian Simington, Trustee, stated there was no news other than that there were new hire employees that will be joining the union.

7 **Consent Agenda**

Member Baca motioned to approve consent agenda items a-h as posted. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

8 **Future Agenda items**

Buying another ambulance or re-chassis existing ambulance

9 **Future meeting dates**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 12, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

10 **Adjournment**

Member Baca motioned to adjourn the meeting. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Thurman called the Meeting adjourned at 5:06 P.M.


Clerk Runyan Date 2-12-22

(Signed 1-12-2022)