

**Mayer Fire District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 16, 2022 4:30 PM**  
**Mayer Fire Administration**

**1 Call to order.**

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 4:33 P.M.

**2 Pledge of allegiance.**

**3 Roll Call of members.**

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Runyan, Member Montgomery and Member Junkins. Member Baca was 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) Monthly and year-to-date financials**

Chief Love reviewed the monthly report with the Board in Chief Smith's absence.

Ambulance revenue for the month of January was \$107,955.00.

Chairman Thurman asked what the figure was for accounts in arrears, specifically. This information is not available on the board meeting content but will be obtained and emailed to the Board.

We ran 245 calls in January. 152 of those were EMS.

**b) Current event report.**

There were 6 new reserves brought on in January.

Various training in January included wildland training, FEMA 300 and 400 class, Engine Boss class.

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

There was nothing to report for this meeting.

**7 Consent Agenda.**

**Member Junkins motioned to accept the consent agenda items a-h for January. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.**

**8 Presentation from Ben Roche; President, United Yavapai Firefighters, Local 3066 on the Fire District Tax Initiatives**

Jake Alanis, Local 3066 Mayer Chapter Vice President presented in the absence of Ben Roche.

A proposed sales tax, Arizona Fire District Safety Act, if passed, will provide significant funding for all fire districts in the state. There has not yet been political sponsorship obtained. Thus 300,000 signatures across the state must be collected to get it on the ballot. The local membership is actively working on getting signatures.

The proposed sales tax will translate to roughly \$650,000.00 to \$700,000.00 annually for Mayer Fire District.

It is planned to be on the ballot November 2022.

A Power Point presentation on fire districts and how they operate and collect revenue versus revenue in a municipality was shown regarding the Fire District sales tax initiative.

Capt. Alanis explained that a municipality collects revenue from sales tax.

A fire district collects revenue from property taxes, which rebound much more slowly than sales taxes in an economic downturn.

Prop 117, passed in 2015, limited the annual increase of assessed value to 5% per year.

Meanwhile the cost of doing business; call volume, insurance, equipment, payroll, etc. have all increased beyond what the tax revenue can cover.

Mayer Fire District Attorney Doug Fant will contact influential colleagues that would have an interest in getting the

tax on the ballot.  
The petition deadline is July.

**9 Pension Funding Policy**

Discussion was held regarding the Pension Funding Policy.

**Member Junkins motioned to accept the Pension Funding Policy. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.**

**10 Intergovernmental agreement for Election Services with Yavapai County**

Discussion was held regarding this topic.

**Member Junkins motioned to accept the Yavapai County Intergovernmental Agreement for elections services. Clerk Runyan seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.**

**11 Resolution and Agreement for Membership into the Arizona State Retirement System**

This is specifically for full-time administrative staff that don't qualify for PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System). Currently they can contribute to a Nationwide 457b retirement plan and Social Security.

This resolution would allow these individuals to contribute 12.22% of their income and Mayer Fire District, as the employer, would match this amount.

The employer contribution (match) would be \$9500.00 annually with the current administrative staff.

The employer contribution (match) for combined state retirement, above, and Social Security would be a little over \$14,000.

The current employer match is a little over \$7300.00 with the 457b retirement option.

The goal is for a better retirement and a secure retirement plan for non-suppression personnel.

**Clerk Runyan motioned to accept the Resolution and Agreement for Membership into the Arizona State Retirement System and Social Security and to include Chief Bryan Smith as a signor. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.**

**12 Purchase new 2022 Braun ambulance**

Chief Love presented the information and cost for a new ambulance. It will be roughly \$180,000.00 for the ambulance. In addition, there will be a \$30,000.00 gurney load system to prevent injury caused by manual lifting. The gurney load system will lift 1,100 pounds. There are two available in the nation at this time.

The quote was expected by meeting time, but did not come in.

Chairman Thurman suggested making the motion to approve with a cap on the total purchase price so as not to delay the purchase any further.

The plan is to finance the new ambulance to replace and sell the current third out ambulance.

**Member Junkins motioned to approve the purchase of a new 2022 Braun ambulance, not to exceed \$230,000.00. Member Montgomery seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.**

**13 Future Agenda items**

None

**14 Future meeting dates.**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

**15 Adjournment**

**Member Montgomery 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 5:34 P.M.**



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Clerk Runyan

Date