

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 20, 2022 4:30PM
Mayer Fire Administration

1 Call to order

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

2 Pledge of allegiance

Chairman Thurman asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Sergeant Lopez.

3 Roll Call of members

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Junkins, Member Baca. All present.

4 A presentation to staff by a member of the community

Clerk Junkins introduce Spring Valley residents, Mary Papapetru & Donald Huntley.
Mary painted rocks for all the firefighters to thank them for their service to the community.

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

Donald Huntley reiterated his gratitude for the service to the community.

6 Chief's Report:

a) Monthly and year-to-date financials

Chief Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

Call volume has been picking up for the last few months. Chief Smith reviewed reports showing response statistics for the month and the fiscal year. Overall about a 10% increase from last year.

At the end of the fiscal year, we were able to put \$50,000 into Capital, about \$175,000 into the payroll account, leaving about \$175,000 in the general fund. We were almost ½ million dollars in revenue ahead of where we were last year.

We received a check from the State for wildland fires for over \$80,000 and there is still a bunch outstanding.

b) Current event report

One wildland crew returned this week. We have one strike team crew still out that has been very busy.

Bagdad crews were out on a fire in Wickieup. Stateland crews took over, then the crews were called back.

The Cherry Creek development project proposed for I17 and Hwy 169 has not progressed.

Final paperwork for the solar farm should go to auction in November. This will result in sales taxes and property taxes for Mayer Fire District.

The sales tax initiative (Proposition 310) made it onto the ballot for the November 2022 election. This proposes a one-tenth of one percent sales tax increase, with proceeds to benefit Arizona fire districts. MFD (Mayer Fire District) would receive approximately \$750,000 per year, based on the current net worth of MFD, if this is passed. As the assessed value of MFD increases, so will the benefit from this sales tax.

The appraisal for the property at Station #21 was completed. It was valued at approximately \$50,000. The refinance is still in progress.

Two major debts will be paid off in the next 5 years with the refinance; the PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System) debt and the property at Station #21.

The new ambulance chassis is in. The refurbish is expected to be completed in October 2022.

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

There was no report from the Union membership.

8 Consent Agenda

Clerk Junkins motioned to accept the consent agenda items a-h. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. Motion carried.

9 The Board may vote to go into Executive Session to interview for two open Board positions, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-

431.03 (A)(1)

The board did not vote for an Executive Session.

Tuan Tang opted for his interview to be in open session. Mr. Tang is a minister, father of 8 children, an ex-Army Cavalry scout with 14 years' service, medically retired in 2014.

Chairman Thurman described the position and responsibilities. Member Baca pointed out the length of the position and other obligations and challenges.

10 Possibly filling two open Board positions

Member Baca motioned to appoint Tuan Tang to the MFD Board position which expires in November 2024. Clerk Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. Motion carried.

11 Resolution #2022-05 Annexation of 11800 & 11830 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86327

The location of this small community of houses was discussed. The tax revenue to MFD will be approximately \$300-\$500 per home.

Member Baca motioned to approve Resolution #2022-05 Annexation of 11800 & 11830 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86327. Clerk Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. Motion carried.

12 Approval to apply for a credit increase of \$5,000 for each wildland credit card (total \$20,000)

In years past, firefighters would stay at a camp on a wildland assignment. Now, many times, the camps are not offered and most firefighters stay in a hotel every night. Some assignments have been extended from 14 to 21 days. This increases the cost for meals and lodging. Department cards are reaching the credit limit before assignments can be completed.

Clerk Junkins motioned to apply for a credit increase of \$5,000 per card for the four department cards used on wildland assignments. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. Motion carried.

13 Whether or not to author an endorsement letter for grant application for a new fire station

The grant proposal for a new fire station in Cordes Junction through Senator Kelly's office has been pushed ahead. The appropriations committee is looking for letters of support from the community. Chief Smith urged board members and community organizations to send letters in support of this grant application. Letters are needed by next Friday, July 29, 2022. There was discussion on how to inform the community to gather letters by next Friday.

14 Future Agenda items

15 Future meeting dates.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.

16 Adjournment.

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

Chairman Thurman called the Meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.


Clerk Junkins


Date