

Mayer Fire District
Regular Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 21, 2022 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, Clerk Tang, Member Junkins. Member Baca was not present.

4 Badge Pinning Ceremony:

Mayer Fire

Tom Haney, Battalion Chief / Medic
Jason LaGreca, Battalion Chief / EMT
Rudy Armenta, Captain / Medic
Zachariah Pederson, Captain / Medic
Patrick Oium, Lieutenant / Medic

Williamson Valley / Bagdad Fire

Jonathan Graham, Captain / EMT
Raul Rocha, Captain / Medic
Ian Neilson, Captain / Medic
Ken Mayeda, Captain / Medic
Shawn Smith, Lieutenant / Medic
Mark Radice, Firefighter / Medic
Blake Carpenter, Firefighter / EMT

The Honor Guard led by Capt. Ian Neilson opened the ceremony.

Chairman Thurman asked for the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence for all our first responders.

Chairman Thurman delivered the Oath of Office to all recipients.

Each Badge recipient was pinned by family members.

Chief Smith congratulated the badge recipients, thanked everyone for the support of the first responders and recognized the promotions, both first milestones and promotions that have been a long time coming.

Chief Smith pointed out the importance, to firefighters and the community, of Proposition 310 on the November ballot and encouraged everyone to get the word out, offering informational brochures and yard signs in support of the Proposition.

Meeting paused from 5:02 to 5:08 while board members moved from the station to the conference room.

5 Call to the Public (Public comments are limited to two minutes each. The Fire Board can only respond to items on the agenda)

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.

Last month there were 172 calls. Ambulance billing is still \$80-90,000 each month. Slightly above budget and doing well on collections.

MFD (Mayer Fire District) was awarded the Assistance to Firefighters Grant of about \$50,000 for new turnouts.

From another regional grant 30 SCBA's were awarded to MFD, WVFD (Williamson Valley Fire District and CKFD (Crown King Fire District).

There has been a total of about \$300,000 in grants awarded over the last two weeks.

There are other grants outstanding that we still have not heard from.

Monitors ordered from last year's grant from Senator Kelly's office will be arriving with no out of pocket cost to the fire district.

PSPRS (Public Safety Personnel Retirement System) internal review has discovered errors in contributions calculations as far back as 2011 and owes approximately \$11,000 to MFD Tier 2 individuals. We are responsible to make these individuals whole by September 30, 2022. The amount will be taken as a credit against future PSPRS payments. Our wildland truck has returned from almost two months in Texas. The wildland program has done well this season.

b) Current event report

The annual dinner dance and fundraiser for CKFD is this Saturday from 1:00-10:00 P.M.

They will be raffling off an ATV.

Senator Kelly's office visit to CKFD will be October 12 at 11am. It looks like CKFD will be awarded about one million dollars to build a new fire station.

Since MFD was not awarded any of the money, Chief Smith plans to invite the Senator's people to view the proposed site for a new station for MFD in Cordes Junction while they are here.

Chief informed everyone that his wife, Christine's, surgery went well last week, she is in good spirits, and hopes to come home from the hospital tomorrow.

The ISO (Insurance Services Organization) regrade is due in Mayer. The representative was given data and reporting to regrade MFD from 6 to 4, or perhaps 3. An ISO rating of 4 gives homeowners a break on their insurance. An ISO rating of 3 will give Commercial owners a break on their insurance. We won't know the grade for another 6 months.

The TA Truck stop will be 1.5 times larger than the current LOVE's truck stop. They will be required to have a well and about 100,000 gallons of water storage capacity. It was suggested to them to reach out to Liberty, the current water company in that community.

There are still 3-7 new home permits per week for new homes.

There will be affordable housing coming to the lot behind the Gilligan's gas station in Spring Valley.

The new ambulance is currently being remounted and should be delivered mid-October.

The mechanics flew out this morning to pick up the mechanic's truck in Oregon. MFD bought the truck. WVFD bought the welder to go on the truck. Bagdad bought the diagnostic computer. There will be a purchase of a connex box for storage of equipment for this truck. The intent of this purchase is to go to wildland fires with a repair truck and mechanic.

Chief Smith received very positive feedback from Fire School regarding the 12 individuals that attended this year.

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

Captain Jake Alanis, Local 3066 Chapter Vice President, spoke. The membership have been talking to people, putting signs up, going to community meetings, and handing out pamphlets regarding Proposition 310.

There has been a drastic change in the culture and comradery for this department over the last year. He pointed out to the Board that the decision to go into the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) with WVFD and Chief Smith was the greatest decision they could have made. Wages, benefits, and life is good for us.

Lastly, he asked for suggestions of 3-4 families for the Christmas Angels program this season.

8 *Consent Agenda*

Member Junkins motioned to approve Consent Agenda items a-h. Clerk Tang seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

9 *Appoint Clerk Tang as Chairman of the Mayer Fire Public Safety Personnel Retirement System Board (Local Board)*

Member Junkins motioned to appoint Clerk Tang as Chairman of the Mayer Fire Public Safety Retirement System Board. Chairman Thurman seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

10 *Pension Funding Policy*

Chief Smith explained that this is required annually by PSPRS. It is required that MFD adopt a policy that says MFD will pay its debts to PSPRS.

Member Junkins motioned to approve the Pension Funding Policy to PSPRS for the current year. Member Tang seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

11 *Possibly changing the time of the regular monthly fire board meeting*

Member Baca has requested to set the meeting time later to allow her to arrive on time after her workday.

Chairman Thurman motioned to change the October 19 regular board meeting time to 5:15 P.M. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-3, No-0. All present voting Aye. Motion carried.

There will be further discussion on the time at the next meeting when Member Baca is present.

12 *Authorization to commence quiet title action*

Mayer Fire District Attorney Doug Fant spoke on this item. He stated there had been an effort in 1989-90 to give title to the Miami Street station, but the Fire Chief at that time did not take action and it never got completed. But the Superior Court did award the public park next to the fire station 4.45 acres to the City of Mayer's public park. Mr. Fant suggests taking the documents from the 1989-90 effort to the Court to see if the judge will sign it as is, allowing Mayer Fire District to take title on the 0.65 acre parcel at Station #21 on Miami Street in Mayer. Yavapai County would then need to convey it to Mayer Fire District. Chairman Thurman would like to meet with the County, to explain, before taking it to the judge. He will keep the board informed of how the plan proceeds.

Member Junkins motioned to authorize quiet title action by Chairman Thurman. Clerk Tang seconded the motion. The vote was Aye 3, No-0. Motion carried.

13 *Future Agenda items.*

Appointing 5th Board member
Pancake breakfast
Annexation of parcels near properties on Slippery Elm Lane


14 *Future meeting dates.*

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022 at 5:15 P.M.

15 *Adjournment.*

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

Chairman Thurman called the Meeting adjourned at 6:03 P.M.


Clerk ~~Junkins~~ Tang Date Oct 19 2022