

**Mayer Fire District**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, October 19, 2022 5:15PM**  
**Mayer Fire Administration**

**1 Call to order**

Chairman Thurman called the meeting to order at 5:22 P.M.

**2 Pledge of allegiance**

**3 Roll Call of members**

Present were Chairman Thurman, Clerk Tang, Member Baca, Member Jenkins. All 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 Smith reviewed his monthly report with the Board.

There were 151 calls for service last month. It is the first month that ambulance revenue hasn't met our expectations.

Everyone is home from their out of state wildland assignments. Trucks are being worked on. There is still about \$100,000 outstanding from the State owed back to us.

The remounted rescue should be delivered in early December. There is a delay due to paint. For now, we are borrowing an ambulance from Williamson Valley, and will continue to do that as long as we can.

The Republican party of Arizona sent a "vote no" on Proposition 310 out to their membership.

We were awarded a Department of Homeland Security Grant for \$25,000 for a gas monitor/chemical detector for the hazmat truck. Prices are going up. The current quote is for \$24,985. The price will go up 15% next month. It is a sole source item, meaning this is the only manufacturer we can purchase it from. If we wait to discuss on next month's agenda, the price will increase by 15% and the grant money won't cover it. We will be out the extra cost associated with the 15% increase. If we order now, we will get the current pricing. We won't pay for it until it arrives. Chief Smith made the quote available for the Board to review and asked for approval to order.

Last year WVFD (Williamson Valley Fire District) was awarded some Congressionally directed spending for heart monitors. We asked for \$250,000 for 6 monitors; 3 for MFD (Mayer Fire District) and 3 for WVFD, and we were awarded \$160,000. So, we ended up buying factory refurbished units, so they have the same warranty. Those are on order and the 3 for MFD should be here within a month. That will give us a total of 7 at MFD.

Mr. Gregory with Senator Kelly's office has cancelled the meeting with CKFD (Crown King Fire District) 3 times. The meeting is to finalize everything with the grant money that CKFD was awarded to help build a station. It is rescheduled for November. While they are there, Chief Smith will discuss why they didn't fund the MFD station in Cordes Lakes and how important it is and that we will put in for that grant again.

It was just announced that minimum wage is going up \$1.05 on January 1, 2023, which means minimum wage will then be \$13.85. This means that our FF/EMT's (Firefighter Emergency Medical Technicians) that work here will be making below minimum wage. We will have to raise them \$0.20 to the minimum wage.

The other problem it brings about is starting wages for full-time firefighters. Central (Central Arizona Fire and Medical) raised their starting wage to \$17/hour. PFD (Prescott Fire District) raised their starting wage to \$16.85. Mayer's is \$15/hour. This will hurt us in recruiting and retention.

Chairman Thurman asked if we had budget capacity to increase our starting wage. Chief Smith suggests that we implement a 2-step increase, with \$0.50 in January and make up the other \$0.55 in the new budget.

Chief explained how a mail-in annexation was offered to residents of WVFD a couple years ago, with

a positive return rate of about 75%.

Each time we have done this for MFD, it has come up about 3-4 signatures short. There are people that want to be annexed, but since it failed, we couldn't bring any of them in. We can go door-to-door and annex contiguous properties a batch at a time. We can offer a service contract for residents that are not contiguous with MFD boundaries. The cost would be the same as for what the resident would pay in taxes, had they been able to annex.

Chairman Thurman added that the Yavapai County Board of Supervisors killed the Cherry Creek project at I17 and Highway 169. The solar farm is still actively moving forward.

***b) Current event report***

- 6** ***Mayer Chapter of the International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local #3066 (the Union) report.***  
There was no report.

**7** ***Consent Agenda***

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

**8** ***Possible purchase of a new battalion chief truck from Arizona State Fleet Purchasing***

Chief Smith stated that there are no vehicles available from any major manufacturer unless you want to buy an electric truck. This is due to a chip shortage. To purchase a new fire truck, the delivery expectation is out over 600 days. It will be at least a year before we can have this discussion.

Chairman Thurman asked if we budgeted for a new engine and then couldn't purchase one, could we roll the money over into the next budget year. Chief Smith said that can be done. It could allow us to pay cash and save more money that way.

No action taken.

**9** ***Resolution #2022-07 possible annexation of 11805 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86327***

**Member Baca motioned to approve Resolution 2022-07 Annexation of 11805 East Slippery Elm Lane, Dewey-Humboldt, Arizona 86327. Member Junkins seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

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

**Member Junkins motioned to change the time of the regular monthly fire board meeting to 5:15 P.M. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye-4, No-0. Motion carried.**

**11** ***Pancake breakfast***

It was suggested to have a monthly pancake breakfast fund-raiser in Mayer, like what has been done in Williamson Valley for many years. WVFD Fire Board voted to use the funds from their pancake breakfasts to complete the outfitting of the combined WVFD/MFD Honor Guard. MFD covered the cost of the trailer used for their functions.

Chief Smith suggests a quarterly breakfast.

Chairman Thurman suggests starting after the holidays.

Chief Haney said one of the best fund-raisers they had was a car wash.

Chief LaGreca suggested getting the Mayer Fire fighter Charities involved.

Chief Smith recalled a dinner with a silent auction of donated items that was a successful fund-raiser in the past. And Crown King's recent dinner dance that was a success.

Chief LaGreca will approach the Mayer FF Charities and report back at the next board meeting.

**12** ***Future Agenda items***

Pay rates, raises

Pancake breakfast

Purchase of chemical detector

Christmas party and awards ceremony Saturday December 10 at the Plaza Bowl in Prescott

**13** ***Future meeting dates***

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022 at 5:15 P.M

**14 Adjournment**

**Member Junkins motioned to adjourn the meeting. Member Baca seconded the motion. The vote was Aye 4, No-0. Motion carried.  
Chairman Thurman called the Meeting adjourned at 6:11 P.M.**

 Nov 16 2022  
*Clerk Tang* *Date*