

**Wasatch County Fire District
Board of Directors Meeting
November 15, 2016**

Meeting held at the Wasatch County Administration Building located at 25 N Main
Heber City, UT.

Those in Attendance:

Greg McPhie
Steve Farrell
Mike Kohler
Kipp Bangerter
Kendall Crittenden
Danny Goode
Mike Petersen

Items of business to address:

Minutes

The minutes of the October fire board meeting were presented to the board for their review and approval. **A motion was made by Kipp Bangerter to approve the minutes of the October 2016 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Danny Goode and the motion passed all in favor.**

Warrants

The listing of warrants was presented to the board for their review and approval. **A motion was made by Steve Farrell to approve the warrants as presented. The motion was seconded by Kipp Bangerter and the motion passed all in favor.**

Discussion on 2015 Fire Code

Chief Giles stated that he did not get on the agenda for the recent council meeting as he had planned to address the fire code. He stated that there was talk that this would need to be completed by December 1st but after talking to the State Fire Marshal he was informed that if it was in the works they were ok.

Chief Giles stated that they will need to address this in a public hearing.

Kendall Crittenden stated that this is on the agenda for discussion in the meeting for tomorrow.

Chief Giles suggested that they address it there and then they could ratify it later after the public hearing.

Mike Petersen asked if all the districts throughout the state would be adopting this.

Chief Giles stated that some will and some won't. He stated that they have been doing this for the past 18 years and he feels that it is a life safety issue. It has been previously approved and he just wants to clean it up with a resolution.

Steve Farrell stated that if it is a resolution they will need to have a hearing and then later approve. He stated that he does have some concerns with the sprinkler requirements and asked if they should modify the urban interface map first.

The board addressed a permit from 2008 where there was a hydrant but it barely passed the flow test and this was a very large structure planned. Chief Giles stated that 1 to 2% of the total cost of a structure is not a very large cost.

Mike Petersen asked where they were at with the committee process.

Greg McPhie stated that Mike Davis and Chief Giles will be getting together to start the process and that Chief Giles has reached out to Mr. Davis to start it.

Craig Chambers stated that there are some legal issues with the addition to Appendix B. He stated that you cannot enforce the law after December 1st. This would be adding to the code and in his legal opinion they could run into issues. In 2004 when the adopted Appendix B it was never codified.

Greg McPhie stated that the 2015 fire code has been adopted by the state and the Appendices must be codified to be enforceable.

Clint Neerings stated that this is the law.

Greg McPhie stated that if they have already adopted Appendix B they are ok. He asked for a motion to move it onto the council meeting tomorrow and set a hearing date. **A motion was made by Kendall Crittenden to address this as an agenda item in the council meeting tomorrow and set the hearing date. The motion was seconded by Kendall Crittenden and the motion passed all in favor.**

Craig Chambers stated that the new code with regards to the Appendices would need to be set by resolution and then codified.

Chief Giles stated that it would be word for word verbatim with the fire code.

Clint Neerings stated that any structure would have three options: culinary, hydrant or sprinkler to provide an alternative to the required flow, as per Chapter 5 of the Fire Code.

Set Date and Time for 2017 Budget Hearing

The next fire board meeting will be on December 13, 2016. **A motion was made by Mike Petersen to set December 13, 2016 and the date for the budget hearing for the Fire District. The regular meeting will begin at 5:30 and the budget hearing will**

begin at 6:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Steve Farrell and the motion passed all in favor.

Fire Chief Report

Chief Giles asked if there was any discussion on the budget that had been given to the board members. He stated that they would like a new ladder truck and two fast attack trucks. He stated that it takes 12 months to get a ladder truck and he would like to get it coming.

Steve Farrell stated that he noticed a 22% increase in revenue and he wondered where this was coming from.

Chief Giles stated that what was budgeted for the tax rate is up about 24%. He feels that there may have been an error in what was collected in 2016. There was a drop of \$150,000.00 in 2015 for collected taxes.

Greg McPhie stated that they should look into this.

Kierstan Smith stated that the amount for the rate is set based on the numbers given to the state by the county.

Danny Goode asked about the cost for a fast attack.

Chief stated that the cost would be between \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00. The one they are using now is a 1991 and the 2001 they have is out for repairs. There is a 1999 in Wallsburg. These vehicles are a great asset and used the most. A new pumper is about \$450,000.00. It will be on the budget for discussion along with a tax increase next year.

Chief Giles stated that the funeral for Marty Mecham was held today. Marty was a volunteer from Wallsburg. There was a good turnout from the department and they put up the flag with the ladder truck.

Chief stated that he heard that there has been discussion of putting the Fire District with the county and he wanted to know why this was being addressed. He has not been a part of any of this discussion.

Kendall Crittenden stated that they have looked at the need to combine the two departments. There has not been any formal discussion just looking at different options. He stated they have talked about putting fire with the county or moving EMS to the Fire Department. He stated that if the fire would come under the county they will need to address this with each city and town.

Greg McPhie stated that they would need to set up a new taxing authority if they dissolve the current Fire Department. He stated that he was taken back when he heard of this talk.

Steve Farrell stated he thought it would bring a level of stability but does not think this would be feasible. They would be doing a disservice to the community if they did not look at all the options.

Clair Provost stated that they need to put a committee together to look at the best options.

Kendall Crittenden stated that they will need to get this on a council meeting again in December to discuss this and get it moving forward by January.

Greg McPhie stated that the committee would need to get back to the board with what has been discussed.

A motion was made by Danny Goode to move into closed session. The motion was seconded by Kendall Crittenden and the motion passed all in favor.

A motion was made by Kipp Bangerter to move out of closed session and adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kendall Crittenden and the motion passed all in favor.