

Wasatch County Fire Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday September 14, 2021

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

Those in Attendance:

Danny Goode

Mark Nelson

Kendall Crittenden

Marilyn Crittenden

Jeff Wade

Steve Farrell

Chief Giles

Dustin Grabau

Dennis Goudy

EMS BC Provost

Fire Marshal Neerings

Fire Warden Morgan

BC Fitzgerald

BC Sessions

BC Provost

Kierstan Smith

Minutes

A motion was made by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes of August 10, 2021 fire board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crittenden. The motion passed all in favor.

Warrants

A motion was made by Councilman Farrell to approve the warrants as presented in the amount of \$453,681.48. The motion was seconded by Councilman Wade. The motion passed all in favor.

Farrell: Is there anything that stands out we should know about them?

Chief: So, they do look a little high. If you actually look, we had 3 pay periods and two Health Insurance payments. Also, to that there is trailer and a ranger that we sold that gator and purchased this razor and we're going to get a med bed that Clair will speak later about. It's a grant that we got to pay for this med

bed, razor, and trailer. That's probably why those are a little high. But I will entertain any questions that anybody had on what they've seen.

Councilman Nelson: I got to watch a very interesting call for EMS call during Swiss Days-I think it was in the ranger, they put that lady in there.

Chief: Could have been reach a rescue.

Clair Provost: It was ours.

Chief: So, there is going to be a bed mounted in that ranger that we have bought a kit that fits in the back. Search and rescue cut the back out of there so that they slide them in there. But this is actually an extension of the bed, so we don't have to cut into the cab for resell value later on.

Chiefs Report

Chief: Before I start, I assume everyone got the invite for the Retirement party we are having for 3 firefighters at Midway Station for Wednesday Night Sept. 14th.

Chief: Last month, to update on mill levy. There were questions on how much it was raised on a median house, the median house is hard for me, but I guess it is what it is. And it is about \$843,000 and some change. So, we had the state just run it on the \$843,000; on a resident of the average \$843,000 that raises that up to \$12.17 per year. On a business is actually raises it up to \$22.13 per year, so I've handed those out so you should have those in front of you.

Councilwoman Crittenden: Chief my computer kind of had a glitch when you said those numbers. What was the dollar amount for that size of home again?

Chief: So, the median home fee is near or has been portrayed to be as \$843,000 and some change. Figured on the amount of \$843,000 it raises the home value at \$12.17 per year. On a business its \$22.13 per year.

Councilman Crittenden: Are you raising the rate or just hold the rate?

Chief: Holding the rate.

Crittenden: Holding that rate? That's what I thought. This is proposal increases property tax revenue, I guess it increases by only the revenue. Okay.

Chief: It'll be truth in taxation no different than we were going. It's trying to hold my mill-levy, if you remember the discussion, I would like a big portion to go to keep these wages.

Farrell: Didn't that rate drop by like 3.84 percent ?

Chief: We went from I think 7.1 to like 6.8 or something. So yeah, its about 3 points. You know I think it's a good idea, anyone that has been around-Me, Steven and Kent will remember, it hadn't been done in 25 years and it just driver that mill levy down or sat. So, I just think its good practice and it isn't a big

hit either. You add everybody together, it's still money out of taxpayer's pocket and I just want to make sure its protected. Any questions on that? Looks like 3.84. Right there at the bottom.

Chief: Moving down the list, if you remember it was two months ago, we advertised for another administration assistant, we did interview a couple of different times and have hired Tia Rodriguez as the gal, she started Monday the 13th.

A little update on Deputy Chief hire and maybe Dustin will speak on it in as well; we're moving along with it; we have narrowed it down. We have done written and oral interviews and have the names narrowed down for me to meet with, which I will continue next Wednesday. I will meet to meet with Council to talk about the prospects. I would like to have a closed session to discuss. So, we'll talk about that later.

Station update, meet with Architect and went through a list of our needs, how many rooms, square footage, bays, all of that kind of stuff so we actually in the process of starting that. They are going to get me some steps concerning payment because they are going to be the first ones out of the gate. So that's where that is, we're just moving along slowly with it. We will be touring a few stations, in Park City and a few in Salt Lake to visit with the workers to see what they have to say. We're working on that canal relocation with Summit so hopefully with Brandon and Dustin help we can actually get that in without having to work that through.

We talked a little on the trailer and ranger; but I will pass to Claire to give details about for Grants.

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Claire: We as a special service district have, I've been working on an ARP Grant, the State funded 53 million for a number of different things. So, this is kind of a shot in the dark but with growth of the community and need, we hope they will consider us. With this ARP grant, we have been working with Nancy O'tull who is a grant writer used by people in the community and some different agencies. Nancy has been great to work with. As Chief and I talked, some of the other suggested let's shoot for 1 to 2 million to see if we can get some money. Her recommendation was to apply for more than that, and we will hopefully get what we'll get. But there's been a lot of work done on that grant by Kristen, Jacee and others in helping us apply for that grant. It is due tomorrow the 15th so Nancy will be submitting that grant today. We were able to get letters of recommendation from our representative Mike Kohler and Senator Ron Winterton, our health department at Jordanelle, our Police Chief and Sheriff. Also, our thought is with applying for this grant, we would like to establish one of the bays that can be used as an action mass vaccination bay in the event of a pandemic. So, we have worked that angel, Jonelle was really excited to think that would be a possibility when the other things that were working on in that Station is a training room which we do not have. The Sheriff's office has a big training room we've borrowed many times along with search and rescue, but we do not have one of our own. Within that we want to be able to incorporate an emergency operation center and hopefully this with help us with that grant. This training room as be used by health department, public or whoever may need it. It would be a part of the station yet separated from the station as far as the firefighters. Also, in talking with Dustin his recommendation for us with this station, is that we would work with the County on a CIB loan. Dustin is

applying for one with some other things, and he thought we would more successful if we apply together. So, we put some information together for that and he will be helping us in during the process in applying for a low interest loan for the station.

With the ranger, med bed and the trailer we were able to obtain through a grant through the state with some additional cares funds they did a grant through the bureau of EMS that we applied and got \$155,000 through that grant. That will help us with this ranger, med bed and trailer along with that we bought a “dummy” which is a manikin that will do basically everything a human would do. You will breathe for this patient, intubate this patient, can do compressions on it, can start IVs; multiple things can be done with this manikin. This is very helpful in our training and moving forward in our training. So, in a nutshell that is where we are at. Any questions? Chief do you have anything else?

Chief: We will pass the time now to Dustin Grabau.

Councilman Crittenden: Dustin before you start, going back to that CIB Loan, if I got that right the updates are due tomorrow. Correct?

Dustin Grabau: Yes, we have it all ready to go we are just hoping to include fires requests in the submission for tomorrow. The Fire Advisor Commission has met a couple times since our last meeting. One thing we wanted to discuss was possibly adding on an agenda item for us to be able to provide that update just because, some of the members did provide some review of those warrants and felt they were comfortable with all the things in there and you may benefit from that input earlier in the meeting. Several of us had a subcommittee of the advisory commission that we are involved in the deputy chief. We were all pleasantly surprised by all the candidates and the quality. We did make some recommendations to the chief who did priorities those interviews, and I think Chief has some good choices. Some good choices that will se the fire district up for a prosperous future. We did discuss some future agenda items, so I think we are open to your recommendations as we hope to get back to business as usual. What we would like to do, is kind of revise and update the projects and status list that you got in previous meetings. We’ve been kind of busy in the architect meetings and other deputy chief hiring processes. Are there things you would like us to add to that list? Some things we are talking about right now are addressing some fees, wages study discussions, are things we have discussed adding in the past but anything else you want to address, you can just email us.

Chief: Other than that, I think we would like to go into Closed Session at this point to discuss personal matters.

A motion was made by Councilman Crittenden to go into close session. The motion was seconded my Councilman Wade. The motion passed all in favor.

The motion to end the closed session and to adjourn was done in closed session with no personnel, unknown who made motion.