SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

September 24, 2015
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1700 hours with Commissioners Thompson, Fossos, Rickert and Freitas in attendance. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Rickert.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the August 20, 2015, Regular Meeting minutes. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the August 20, 2015, minutes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion passed unanimously.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Freitas noted that he attended the EMS Steering Committee Meeting, he is looking forward to the chili cook-off this weekend, he has not filed his invoice for meetings, but he will file the paperwork however he doesn't collect any pay for the meetings attended. Commissioner Freitas would like to have the Chiefs unilateral waiver of salary and benefits to unilaterally modify his contract added to the October Agenda, he would like to discuss this, unfortunately, he couldn't download the letter. Commissioner Freitas noted that he is happy to be here tonight it's always fun to see promotions for those that do a great job.

Commissioner Rickert noted that he attended the EMS Advisory Committee Meeting in Renton last week, they discussed the additional funding for the 11 King County Agencies via BLS core services; we are on the list to receive additional funding. He apologized for not attending last month's meeting; he had some personal business to take care of.

Commissioner Thompson was sorry he missed the 9-11 Memorial, he had to take care of some things, but his heart was there. He looks forward to the recognitions today.

Commissioner Fossos reported that he is proud to see people get promoted through the ranks; he doesn't believe that the public has any idea of how competitive the testing is. Commissioner Fossos noted that in watching the news today, Seattle Fire responded to a call on highway 99 with numerous tillered aerials. We have 3 freeways that we respond to, Hwy 167, I-5 and 99, we could see something like this or worse. He added that he attended the Redmond Symposium; it is one of the best safety conferences in the world. They discussed PTSD and the toxicity at the fires, our gear is the best, but it can't keep the toxins out of our body. Commissioner Fossos added that he attended our 9-11 memorial event he is proud to be part of this organization; the two (2) guest speakers did an outstanding job. He also attended EMAC meetings, (Emergency Management for the County), their big concern is the big earthquake when it will happen, not if... Commissioner Fossos reiterated the importance

of our Class 2 rating, where minutes count in the event of an emergency, whether it is a fire or an EMS call.

Commissioner Gates commented that he attended the 9-11 Memorial, it was very nice and he added that he talked to and received an email from a citizen that was tremendously impressed with our 9-11 Memorial it is one of the best he has seen, this person is from California, he was a City Manager so he has seen a lot of memorials, he added that each of the guest speakers, spoke from the heart. Commissioner Gates added that he also attended the BBQ at Station 61 last Saturday, it was nice. Commissioner Gates noted that in last month's minutes, it noted that Commissioner Freitas had a number of groups that he would like someone to meet with regarding the bond issue, and he was going to give the contact information to the Board Secretary. Chairman Gates asked the Board Secretary, off the top of your head, do you recall how many names he turned in? Board Secretary replied, she did not recall receiving any. Commissioner Freitas added that since he saw an ad in the paper for groups to contact SKFR to request a presentation, it gives the public an opportunity for additional information, so he did not provide any contact information.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Roger Flygare mentioned he is running for Fire Commissioner. He went to Eastern Washington to deliver relief supplies to those affected by the fires and while there he talked to an Eastern Washington Chief, he had great comments about our crew that was there they also discussed the hazards to firefighters that are coming out of the ground and PTSD. Peggy La Porte with FUSION is being recognized as Washingtonian of the Year. He has been doorbelling, the citizens have a high opinion of SKFR and the citizens want to keep their families and neighbors safe.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that there weren't any committee meetings.

RECOGNITION ON APPOINTMENT OF GORDON GOODSELL TO BATTALION CHIEF/FIRE MARSHAL

Chief Church requested Gordon Goodsell to please come forward; he is our newest Fire Marshal. Chief Church read the certificate into record. B/C Goodsells' badge was pinned by his wife Lynda. B/C Goodsell introduced his family that was in attendance and he thanked them for all of their support. He added that he is proud to be part of the organization, he is honored for this appointment and he looks forward to the challenge.

RECOGNITION ON APPOINTMENT OF TONY PARISE TO ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHAL

Chief Church requested Tony Parise to please come forward; he is our newest Assistant Fire Marshal. Chief Church read the certificate into record. B/C Goodsell noted that he is very pleased to have Tony as part of his team; he brings a lot of experience and skills to the department. Tony added that he has a great leader to guide him.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church mentioned that we are still shrouding our badges it has been tough summer for the fire service, we lost 3 FF with the US Forest Service at the fire in Okanogan and the past 1 ½ months. There have been four (4) deaths related to cancer in the fire service over the past couple of months: 1 FF from Redmond Fire, 1 FF from Renton Fire, 1 FF from Eastside Fire and 1 FF from West Thurston Fire. He has no doubt that at the Redmond Symposium one of the main topics was cancer, as it is taking far too many firefighters. We will do everything that we can do to prevent cancers. We have already lost two (2) individuals with cancer and we have 1 fighting cancer right now.

Chief Church thanked everyone that is serving at the October 3rd, Advancing Leadership event, it will be another great event, especially the desert frenzy.

We are continuing to work on the material for the Washington Survey & Rating Bureau; we will be meeting with them the first part of November.

Our Budget Workshop is scheduled for October 13th, at this time King County is predicting a preliminary 4.8 % increase in AV.

Chief Church asked Captain Bellinghausen to give a brief update on community outreach. Captain Bellinghausen noted that we will be talking to 13 groups that have contacted us or we have contacted them. He also discussed fall prevention keeping people safe in their homes, and we have scheduled a flag retiring ceremony, for flags that have been brought to us, the flags will be retired respectfully. We also have the Chili Cook-Off coming up and the BBQ @ station 61. We also had 3 food collection drives, sending food and money to Eastern Washington for those that were affected by the fires and restocking shelves at Multi Service Center. Commissioner Fossos added that there is an urgent plea for people to donate blood for the event that occurred today in Seattle; Captain Bellinghausen noted that he will pass along the information.

Chief Church noted that we are .47% over budget, due to overtime and long term disabilities; we also had 3 deployments that we have not been reimbursed for yet.

SEPTEMBER BUDGET

Finance Manager Delia Fjelstad read into the record the list of expenditures for the month of September.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (107760-107782) totaling	$51,344.43
Accounts Payable Warrants (107783-107878) totaling	$835,478.08
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 158 indiv. DD010483--010640 totaling	$1,028,161.17
Payroll Warrants for 1 individuals #100141	$306.17
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$244,974.26
TOTAL approval	$2,160,264.11

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioner Gates stated that in approximately 9 minutes at 1745 hours, the Board will going to go into Executive Session per RCW 42.30.140 (4) (b) relative to collective bargaining proposals for approximate 30 minutes. No action is expected as a result of Executive Session.

At 1815 hours, Executive Session was extended for an additional 15 minutes.

At 1830 Executive Session adjourned, Regular Meeting reconvened.

Meeting adjourned at 1831 hours.

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