SOUTH KING FIRE & RESCUE

October 23, 2012
Station 68

Commissioner Gates called the meeting to order at 1600 hours with Commissioners Rickert, Fossos and Freitas in attendance. Commissioner Thompson called, he is on his way. Board Secretary Lauri Perry recording.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Captain Barrett.

MEMORIAL PIKE POLE

Commissioner Gates noted that the Memorial Pike Pole represented Washington Firefighter Memorial and FF Doug Waller's Line of Duty Death. We will have the Pike Pole for 20 days. Commissioner Gates asked a member of our Honor Guard, Lt. Barry Hassel to say a few works about the Pike Pole.

The Washington State Fallen Firefighter Memorial Pike Pole:

The Washington State Fallen Firefighter Pike Pole is a traditional hand tool that has been used by firefighters for generations. The Pike Pole is significant to the Fire Service because without fire restraint garments or air packs worn like modern firefighters, the firefighters in the 1800's were forced to fight serious fires from the exterior of the building.

The Pike Poles original use in the fire service was to pull down walls and neighboring buildings to stop the fire's spread in communities. It was also used to pull or drag burning objects such as furniture outside the building to aid in extinguishing the fire. They range from 6-10 feet in length and are used today by firefighters at all structure fires because of its versatility.

The Fallen Firefighter Memorial Pike Pole preserves the tradition by carrying the names of all the firefighters who have died in the Line of Duty in the State of Washington for the last 15 years. The Olympia Fire Department maintains and displays the names of the firefighters that have died in the Line of Duty. The Memorial Pike Pole travels to any fire department when there is a Line of Duty Death as well as other ceremonial fire service events.

The Memorial Pike Pole is being displayed in remembrance of Douglas Waller's' life, to celebrate and honor him. Each ribbon has the names of the firefighters that have sacrificed their life in the Line of Duty for the greater good of the community we serve and the firefighting family. It displays Douglas' ribbon and is a symbol of the Washington State Honor Guard Core Values; Honor, Integrity, Character, Courage, Accountability, Community and Public Trust.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the September 25, 2012, Commissioner's regular meeting. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the minutes of September 25, 2012; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Gates asked for the approval of the minutes of the October 16, 2012 Special Meeting/Public Budget Hearing. Commissioner Fossos made a Motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2012; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Rickert. Commissioner Freitas stated that he will be voting against the minutes, he feels the minutes don't fully incorporate the comments from the Commissioners based on the budget issues at the meeting. They do adequately reflect the Chiefs comments in the budget presentation; they do not reflect the Commissioners comments on the items within the budget. Motion carried 3-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Fossos reported that he attended the King County Commissioners Executive Board Meeting, the EMAC meeting, our budget workshop. He added that he would like to find out a little more information about the house fire in Laurelhurst; he read that over 100 firefighters responded to this fire. He has some concerns due to the closeness of the buildings and different residential communities with the large house configurations.

Commissioner Rickert had no comments.

Commissioner Freitas had no comments at this time, but he reserves his right to make comments during the rest of the meeting.

Commissioner Gates had no comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jerry Galland commented that the District is probably breathing a great sigh of relief as they are able to approve the budget this time around without a big deficit. He applauded the Administration and the Board of Commissioners for securing increases in funding for the next several years. In January of this year SKF&R passed resolutions to put forth an excess levy of $3.5 million, at that time explaining in publications and on the ballot measure, the passage would put one (1) Aid Car back in service. He understands that the staffing requirement for the Aid Car is nine (9) fulltime firefighters. In February of this year, SKF&R applied for SAFER Grant from FEMA requesting $1.8 million which if granted would require SKF&R to hire nine (9) fulltime firefighters. On July 20, he sent a letter to Chief Church asking for clarity on the two (2) funding mechanisms and he has not received a response. On August 7th voters approved the ballot measure and on August 10th FEMA announced SKF&R had been awarded the grant. In order to satisfy these two (2) recently approved revenue sources, it looks like 18 fulltime firefighters must be hired by the start of 2013. He is sure the public will be better served, with the voters and FEMA approving 18 fulltime firefighters added to the ranks as soon as possible thank you for your leadership in making this happen.

COMMISSIONER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Commissioner Gates noted that the only committee that has met was the Budget, Finance & Audit Committee; their report is in your packet.

RESOLUTION NO 486 ADPOTING A BUDGET FOR 2013

Chief Church read Resolution No. 486 into record. Commissioner Rickert made a Motion approving Resolution No 486, approving our 2013 budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Commissioner Freitas noted that dialog and debate is healthy for an organization, he is a little disappointed some of his commissioner comments at the budget hearing were not in the record and are not reflected in the budget. Experts within the fire industry have said that, there are ways to provide good fire service to a community. By not only increasing revenue but also controlling expenses is important. He sees areas in our budget where expenses could be controlled a little tighter. It is a sign of the times to control expenses as tightly as possible while providing good quality fire service. He thinks we provide good quality fire service but he would like to see expenses controlled a little tighter. He missed all of the Commissioners at the budget hearing, because of excused absences. But excused absences are an opportunity to dialog and debate with bipartisan budgets and a necessary part of the 21st century is to hear dialog and debate and to share ideas, thank you for my comments. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition, (Commissioner Thompson noted upon his arrival at the meeting that he is in support of this resolution).

RESOLUTION NO 487 ADOPTING PROPERTY TAXES TO BE COLLECTED IN 2013

Chief Church read Resolution No. 487 into record. Commissioner Rickert made a motion approving Resolution No 487 authorizing King County to collect our property taxes; Motion was seconded by Commissioner Fossos. Commissioner Freitas commented that the budget and hiring proposed within the budget, we promised and we have an obligation on the SAFER Grant to hire firefighters. In making a resolution for an excess levy, his intent was that we hire firefighters, somewhere along the line there was a disconnect, he doesn't see, well put it this way he sees firefighters getting hired, but we have a responsibility to the Federal Government, Federal Taxes the excess levy and local taxpayers to hire firefighters for the purpose that they were voted upon. He sees a disconnect that we will need to explain to our voters at some time in the near future. Creditability is important, we will need help from the voters on future issues and he does not want to in any way negatively impact our credibility, so he will be voting against collecting the excess levy funds. Commissioner Fossos asked Commissioner Freitas what the disconnect was that he was referring to – Commissioner Freitas responded when the tax payer voted more or less as a last resort, as publicized to keep an aid car in service, they figured it would come from the excess levy funds. We got a SAFER Grant, the balancing act between the money; we are not hiring 18 firefighters. The budget reflects that we are hiring nine (9) firefighters and a couple of other employees that were laid off at an earlier point and he thinks there is a credibility issue there that he does not want to stretch when we are going to need funds in the future for capital, to fund training centers, potential other stations and that type of thing. Commissioner Fossos replied, that he

doesn't see the disconnect and the credibility is our word in the information that we put out to the citizenry which was correct, it was on point and it said what we would do and we have done what we said we would do and its reflected in this budget credibility is important to him and we are on board with what we designated in our Prop One and the SAFER Grant and we have fully complied with the law and the resolution we have done what we said we were going to do. Commissioner Rickert added that his recollection is that when we started planning for the excess levy we were not aware that the SAFER Grant would be awarded to us. He doesn't believe there was any deception that we were going to pass the excess levy and also get the SAFER grant. It just happened that after the levy passed, we were awarded the SAFER Grant and we are using these funds, both the excess levy and the SAFER Grant to hire. Motion passed 3-1 with Commissioner Freitas voting in opposition, (Commissioner Thompson noted upon his arrival at the meeting that he is in support of this resolution).

RECOGNITION OF PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENTS

Chief Church asked A/C Plumlee to join him at the front of the room for a very important appointment. Chief Church then read the certificate that was presented to Captain Aaron Weeks; he was appointed to the Training & Safety Officer Position at Station 68, effective October 1, 2012. Captain Weeks added that he looks forward to the new challenge and the opportunity.

Commissioner Thompson arrived at 1621 hours.

Chief Church then asked Chris Burdyshaw and his wife to please come to the front of the room and he read the certificate into record. Chris was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, effective October 1, 2012. Chris's wife Kristy Burdyshaw then pinned his badge on him. Lt. Burdyshaw reported that his mentor Captain Weeks is here and he told him not to make any long speeches.

Chief Church then asked Joel Barrett, his wife and father to please come to the front of the room. Chief Church read the certificate into record. Joel was promoted to the rank of Captain, effective October 1, 2012. Joel's father, Retired Chief Tom Barrett then pinned his badge on him. Captain Barrett stated that he looks forward to the challenge and being back at Station 62.

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM REPORT

Chief Church thanked everyone for joining us today in honoring those that have worked very hard to achieve these goals and promotions within our department.

Chief Church thanked the Board for being waiters at the Advancing Leadership Spaghetti Dinner held on October 5th, they raised over $10,000.

Chief Church congratulated FF Hamel & 62A for winning the Chili competition and special notice and recognition to the Fire Chefs team who took second place at the 5th Annual Federal Way Farmers Market, Fire vs PD Chili Competition.

Chief Church reminded everyone that the Des Moines Chili Cook-Off will be held this Saturday. Wayne Corey had done an incredible job with the Des Moines Farmers Market and so far there are 15 teams competing, this includes a SKF&R team led by A/C Plumlee.

Special thanks to D/C Pennington, B/C Mataftin and Steve Denton for all of their work on the boat, it should be in the water, next Monday; it has been totally rewired and rebuilt.

OCTOBER BUDGET

CFO Lawson reported that we are 5.21% under budget for the month of October; he then read into the record the list of expenditures for the month.

Mid-Month Utility Warrants (103676-103691) totaling	$30,542.98
Accounts Payable Warrants (103692-103790) totaling	$462,205.45
Payroll Direct Deposit Document for 140 individuals DD005095-005234 totaling	$785,984.29
Payroll Warrants (#100088 for 1 individuals)	$392.48
Payroll Electronic Federal Tax Payment totaling	$165,966.22
TOTAL approval	$1,445,091.42

Commissioner Thompson apologized for being late and he would like to go on the record for being in favor of Resolutions No. 486 and 487.

Meeting adjourned at 1632 hours.

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