

July 15, 2013

Attendance: Dean Moburg, Jim Westmoreland, Charley Shoemaker, Jeff Klemp, Lisa Snodgrass

Others: Rick Huhn, Terry Huhn, Jeff Simpson, Dave Asmus, Adam Rounds, Kathy Williams
High Prairie Treasurer.

Dean Moburg called the meeting to order at 7:00PM, and called for the swearing in of new Board member, Lisa Snodgrass.

He asked that the minutes reflect all Board members present.

Jim Westmoreland moved to accept the Consent Calendar as presented. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Audience Participation: None Presented.

Chief's Report: Presented to the Board detailed drawings of the new truck. A representative from Conrad Fire will be present at the next meeting. Several members traveled to Conrad and saw a truck similar to the one we are considering. It is a bigger truck and some of the things are being moved for better efficiency. The new truck will compare in size to 564. Dean Moburg asked the Board to consider moving forward on the financing since it looks like the economy is moving in a direction of higher rates. It would be advantageous to the Department to lock in rates if at all possible. Board instructed Chief Huhn to begin looking for 4 banks to bid and maybe lock in a 30 day period guarantee of the rates.

Items for Action:

1. After discussion to explain the drop in MIL rate, Dean Moburg asked for a motion to publish the 2014 Budget as presented. Jeff Klemp moved to publish the 2014 Budget as presented. Charley Shoemaker seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.
2. Jim Westmoreland submitted to the Board his 2nd Quarter Report. He commented that the reconciliation documentation made the budget very understandable. Jeff Klemp asked that the Board begin considering a monthly projection to forecast peaking and falling monthly expenditures for future budgets. Charley Shoemaker moved to accept the 2nd Quarter Report as presented. Jeff Klemp seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor.

Board Concerns:

Charley Shoemaker asked about selling the old 569 and the new trucks add-on difference in price. The Chief said there was a + \$2,000 difference and that the trucks had still not sold.

He also had concerns about the different weight qualifications for the DPAT and how it would affect safety at fire calls. The Chief explained that at present time only 2 volunteers are at the 20 lb. weight and will not enter into buildings; the paid firefighters and remaining volunteers all meet the 50 lb. weight requirement. The average recommended numbers by NFPA for fighting a house fire is 14 firefighters at the scene. We have the personnel to keep everyone safe.

Jim Westmoreland has concerns about the Treasurer Bond and will have a meeting with Chief Huhn and the Bonding Company representative to answer questions of the risks he is taking and needs for other insurance

Dean Moburg informed the Board that Chief Huhn didn't follow its instructions but supported his personnel. He gave congratulations to Edward Davis upon completing all requirements to get his requirements for officer completed. Good work to the Chief for working with his men to get things done. He then called for a motion to adjourn.

Jim Westmoreland moved to adjourn the meeting. Charley Shoemaker seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Time 7:35 PM.

Next Meeting: August 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM

DEAN MOBURG, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TERRY HUHN, BOARD CLERK