

PC ESD #6
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2023

CALL TO ORDER:

- Meeting called to order @ 6:34 PM by D. Tillman
- Members present: T. Lewelling, R. Dalton, D. Tillman, S. Harrison
- Invocation by S. Harrison
- Pledges of Allegiance recited.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. OFFICER REPORTS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- S. Harrison completed CD transactions at First Financial
- T. Lewelling signed checks
- D. Tillman transferred funds and signed audit documents
- R. Dalton motions to approve July meeting minutes, T. Lewelling seconds, - approved

2. ADMINSTRATIVE REPORT/SCFD: Chief Teague

- 60 calls in July
- Abundance of grass fires in July
- Tax and budget prep underway
- Avg. response time 9.65 minutes
- Introduction of Nick Wells the new Deputy Chief
- No maintenance problems in July
- So far in August -
 - AC in station 2 went out due to a failed capacitor
 - AC at station 3 went out due to failed fuse
 - Replaced the motor on one overhead door at Springcreek Station (\$3K)
 - Engine 44 out of service – waiting for parts
- Review of tax rate information – proposing a slightly lower tax rate than current rate
 - .0924 vs. 09785 is considered, noting that collections at lower rate will still be ~35K more than in 2023.
 - .0924 rate is projected to support the planned expenses for ESD6 with a small surplus
- Meetings for public hearings on Tax rate planned for Sept. 5 and 19.
- Motion made by S. Harrison to accept the tentative proposed tax rate of .0924, T. Lewelling seconds – all vote in favor - approved
 - Chief Teague will submit to the County

3. FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – CRESSON: Chief Becker see email for details

- Total of 89 calls in July (113 last July) - record month is 115
- CYTD -502 vs. 597 last year
- Breakdown of calls -PCESD6 26, City of Cresson 3, Johnson County 5, Hood County 25, Tarrant – 49
- Response time – 7:14 avg. – Computer generated times of 1:37 for turnout and 5:25 for travel
- Significant calls – Johnson County has had a lot of grass fires
 - Pate Museum of Transportation building on 377 (in Cresson) caught fire on a Saturday – 23 firefighters on the call.
 - Fire started in the back of building
 - Affected 40% of area under roof
 - Pipeline fire on Old Garner rd.
 - Abandon house fire
 - Grass fire in Crowley (their Tanker truck was inop)
- Currently running 6 (soon to be 7) brush trucks – key to containing grass fires
- The counties want us all to be prepared for a Task Force level deployment
- The Firefighters are tired

4. UPDATE STATUS OF MANPOWER/VOLUNTEERS

CRESSON: Chief Ron Becker

- Total current roster 73
 - 23 on various forms of leave e.g. education leave, (2) military leave, etc. leaving **50 responders** (15 Probationary, 30 members, and 5 juniors)
- One working application and several inquiries
- 4 new ones since early August

SPRING CREEK: G. Teague

- Roster of 34 active volunteers as of 08/15
- 5 Applications to process (Two live off of 1708)
- One is a police officer and the other a RN
- Lost one Firefighter

5. DISCUSS AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION BY TOUCHSTONE DISTRICT SERVICES (SALES TAX ELCECTION MARKETING) – Presenters were not available

6. AUTHORIZE OUR ATTORNEY TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK FOR SALE TAX ELECTION – estimated attorney fee ~\$5K + other preparations and processing to properly notify the public and comply with regulations for the Sales tax election could run upwards of 12.5-15K.

7. UPDATE ON CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS WITH FIRST FINANCIAL BANK – No update

8. HEAR VISITORS WHO HAVE INDICATED BY SIGNATURE THEIR DESIRE TO SPEAK FOR 5 MINUTES –

- Mr. Trey Spivey – Expresses a desire to speak to the Board in private
- Can't hold a private meeting without executive session
- Other volunteers left the meeting
- Mr. Spivey wanted to talk about personnel so the meeting was ended

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TABELED

10. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

- Public hearing on Tax rates (Sept. 5th Agenda)
- Submit tax rate to County Appraisal office (Sept. 5th Agenda)
- **DISCUSS AND ACT UPON PRESENTATION BY TOUCHSTONE DISTRICT SERVICES (SALES TAX ELCECTION MARKETING)** (Sept. 19th agenda)
- **AUTHORIZE OUR ATTORNEY TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK FOR SALE TAX ELECTION** (Sept. 19th agenda)

11. ADJOURNMENT

- S. Harrison motions to adjourn meeting at 7:41, T. Lewelling seconds motion – all in favor