

# ***Fire District 3***

***"more than fire..."***

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes**

**Monday October 28, 2019**

The Meeting called to order by Commissioner Jon Couture at 1800. Commissioner Scott Anders, Commissioner Rick Steele, Chief Scott Sorenson, Assistant Chief Barbara Widlund, Retired Chief Steve Wrightson, Battalion Chief Dave O'Brien, Captain Tony Wagar, FF Brandon Bohart, FF Josh Hall, FF Nick Lines, Captain Jason Mansfield, Erin Erdman, Bonne Gilberti and Scout Troup 475 were present. Many family, friends and coworkers Jacob Higley were present for the Oath of Service presentation.

#### ***Oath of Service***

- Commissioner Couture administered the Oath of Service for Firefighter Jacob Higley. A short celebration with family, friends and coworkers was held after the ceremony.

#### ***Public Hearing on City of Battle Ground Annexation 18:15 -18:45***

- Chief Sorenson presented on the proposal to annex into Fire District 3 received from the City of Battle Ground and impacts related to Fire District 3.
- Public Comments Received –
  - Melody Bryant expressed concern that City residents may not support future ballot measures.
  - Bonnie Gillberti said that the City residents have a history of voting in support of schools.
  - Des Wellsmore expressed similar concerns about future projects and City resident support.
  - Bill Bailly requested that Fire District 3 publish any known fire capital expenditure needs or plans for Battle Ground.
- The Board shared views on what this means for Fire District 3 with the audience -
  - Commissioner Anders expressed that this partnership strengthens Fire District 3 capabilities in hiring, equipment and WSRB rating.
  - Commissioner Steel expressed that Fire District 3 managing service in the City is better for Fire District 3 residents.
  - Commissioner Couture – shared that Fire District 3 has developed a sense of community in both the District and City, and will continue to so, and can serve both well in the future.
- The Board closed the public hearing at 18:45.
- Resolution 2019-04 – was considered by the Board
  - **A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARK COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT NO. 3 BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING WITH THE CITY OF BATTLE GROUND'S ANNEXATION REQUEST AND DIRECTING NOTIFICATION TO THE CLARK COUNTY COUNCIL.**
- Commissioner Ander made a motion to approve Resolution 2019-04, Commissioner Steele seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

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- The minutes of October 14, 2019 were reviewed for approval. Commissioners Anders made a motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Steele seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

### **Correspondence**

- Community Paramedic – Dustin Waliezer presented his Challenges in EMS presentation and provided ways Fire District 3 could deal with them.

### **Financial Report**

- Investments in Fund 6204 \$ 3,038,225.60
- Cash in Fund 6204 \$ 538,651.60
- Transmittal FD3 \$ 30,223.39
- Payroll \$ 215,326.72
- Commissioners Anders made a motion to approve the report, Commissioner Steele seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

### **Old Business**

- Commissioner Timesheets were reviewed and signed with no changes needed.
- City of Battle Ground Update – Chief Sorenson reported that communication calls are scheduled for Tuesday October 29<sup>th</sup> at 0830 and Wednesday October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1100. Chief Sorenson reported that required documentation will go to the County Council by November 1<sup>st</sup> so that the annexation can be reviewed for ballot on the November 16<sup>th</sup> County Council agenda.
- BC Negotiations Update – Chief Sorenson reported there is a meeting on October 31 at 07:15 at Station 35 to review and approve the comparables.

### **New Business**

- State Audit 3 Year Cycle – Chief Sorenson reported that the State Auditor's Office has requested we delay the audit until next year. The Office is low on staffing and because we are low risk requested we delay. The Board agreed to delay.


**Questions and Comments from the Audience** none

**Executive Session** none

### **Meeting Schedule**

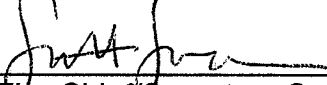
- November 4, 2019 BG City Council 19:00
- November 12, 2019 FD3 Board Meeting Public Hearing 18:00
- November 18, 2019 BG City Council 19:00

**Adjournment** 19:40

  
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Fire Commissioner Jon Gouture

  
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Fire Commissioner Rick Steele

  
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Fire Commissioner Scott Anders

  
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Fire Chief/Secretary Scott Sorenson