

# **Fire District 3**

**“more than fire...”**

## **BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes**

**October 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Rick Steele at 6:00 pm at Station 31 and <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81188830604>. Commissioner Jon Couture, Commissioner Dean Thornberry, Chief Scott Sorenson, Division Chief Chris Drone, Division Chief Jason Mansfield were present, Charlie Campbell was present via zoom.

#### **Minutes**

- The minutes of October 4, 2023, CCFR FD3 Workshop, for approval.
- The minutes of October 9, 2023, for approval.
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve the October 4 and 9, 2023 minutes as written, Commissioner Couture seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence** – State of Washington, Office of the Governor – this letter was in response to the FD3 Board letter concerning the closure of Larch Corrections.

**Public Comment** – none

#### **Financial Report**

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| ● Investments in Fund 6204 | \$ | 2,393,630.32 |
| ● Cash in Fund 6204        | \$ | 49,042.15    |
| ● Transmittal FD310232023  | \$ | 140,948.97   |
| ● Transmittal FD310172023  | \$ | 5,236.46     |
| ● Payroll FD3 10/18/2023   | \$ | 342,087.07   |
| ● Bond Fund 6225           | \$ | 25,960.90    |
- Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve FD310172023, FD310232033, and Payroll 10/18/2023. Commissioner Couture seconded the motion, the motion passed 3-0.

#### **Old Business**

- Station 35 Evaluation – Chief Sorenson and Drone provided information on the feasibility of remodeling the current Station 35. It appears that the city will obtain a traffic management system to help with traffic management. An estimated cost per square foot is not yet available. no action taken.
- 2024 Budget Update – Chief Sorenson provided a summary of the current 2024 Preliminary Budget. No action taken.
- Future Funding Discussion – Chief Sorenson provided a summary of public inputs and cost analysis of various levy rates and building values. The inputs included low voter turnout, not aware, just missing it, or assuming it would pass are common responses. Some said they simply couldn't afford it; city residents are still adjusting to a new tax when they annexed to us in 2020. Growth, the assumed revenue from growth, additional costs and demands, and proposed tax exemptions are concerns. Several shared personal experiences about our services and urged us to work harder to get the word out and run again. No action taken.

#### **New Business**

- November 8, 2023, a Meeting w Clark Cowlitz Fire Resue and Clark County Fire District 6 at Station 15-1, 6 pm is proposed. The Board all agreed on the date.
- Captain List Approval – Chief Sorenson and Mansfield provided the recommended Captain

list based on recent testing. Commissioner Thornberry made a motion to approve the list, Commissioner Couture seconded, the motion passed 3-0.

- 2023 Awards Celebration – Chief Sorenson informed the celebration will occur December 6
- LMC – Chief Sorenson provided information on recent concerns about polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in uniforms and turnouts. Locally, regional and Statewide, the Union and Management are working together to find a resolution.
- County Network – Chief Sorenson provide information on the weekend problem with CRESA due to the computer network problems the County experienced. To date, nor known calls were lost.

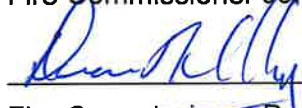
**Executive Session None**

**Meeting Schedule**

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| ● Monday November 13, 2023, | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |
| ● Monday November 27, 2023, | 18:00 hrs. | Board Meeting |

**Adjournment**

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Fire Commissioner Jon Couture



Fire Commissioner Dean Thornberry

  
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Fire Commissioner Rick Steele

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Fire Chief Scott Sorenson