

CRESTED BUTTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
Mt. Crested Butte Fire Station #2
Tuesday, May 14 2019
Approved _____

Attendance

Board Members Present: Jack Dietrich, Paul Hird, Ken Lodovico, Chris McCann, Eric Tunkey
Board Member(s) Excused: N/A

Guests: Todd – Daniel J Murphy Architects

Regular Meeting called to order by Chairman Hird at 5:00 PM.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of minutes April 9, 2019 regular meeting
2. Approval of monthly financial reports
3. Approval of promotion to Chief I – Grade 2 for Jeffrey Duke

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Hird, seconded by McCann. Passed unanimously.

Waiver Request

Todd Walker on behalf of Daniel J. Murphy Architects presented a waiver request for the next phase of the Golf Villas townhome project in Skyland to allow for 12-foot driveway widths in lieu of the currently required 16 foot widths on 2 of the 3 driveways associated with the proposed project. Mr. Walker described how the driveways were intended as secondary parking spaces outside of the garages for each townhome unit. Board members reviewed the plans presented. Fire Marshal Ems indicated to the board that he had not been consulted on the request prior to the request for a waiver. Significant discussion ensued regarding the 16' requirement, the project as a whole and emergency access issues. Director Hird provided some insight on the project from his perspective but recused himself from voting considering his management of the property. Tunkey pointed out the requested waiver was 25% smaller than required which would likely make access difficult, particularly in winter months. Motion to deny the waiver by McCann, seconded by Tunkey. Dietrich, Lodovico, McCann and Tunkey voted to deny. Hird abstained. Caffrey will send letter indicating denial of the waiver request and capturing general comments made during discussion.

Old Business

Caffrey asked the board for initial thoughts regarding how the district should allocate rental units in the triplex once completed. Major points raised included restricting availability to individuals that did not already own improved residential property locally. There was also interest in making units available based on seniority with the district to recognize members who had been around longest and were in need of housing. Caffrey indicated a desire to offer housing to employees before volunteer members. A preference for long term rentals was also expressed with some discussion about whether a maximum rental period would be appropriate. There was further discussion that allowing for rentals when individuals owned unimproved land locally may be beneficial and should be allowed. Public comment was made that rank or position in the department should not be a factor. Caffrey will take these comments into account and will develop a draft document for further discussion in June.

There was also discussion of the existing soils report provided by the Town of Crested Butte for the area around the proposed new fire station. The report reflecting soils testing for the entire subdivision was not specific to the proposed fire station site. Dietrich discussed the likely need for a curtain drain. The board reiterated their previous approval to have the specific parcel tested as soon as practical. Caffrey indicated an acceptable bid had been received and plans were underway to conduct the testing.

District Manager Report

Caffrey discussed the usage of the two new Chevy Colorado pickup trucks recently placed in service as utility vehicles. D-1 will be used by the Fire Marshal during the day and would be parked at Station 3 overnight. D-2 with the topper will be kept at Station 1 and will be available for general use. Board members expressed satisfaction with the new marking scheme and the press release regarding the change in vehicle color.

Caffrey updated the board and shared the link for the two online exit interviews that have been received so far. As only 2 of 5 surveys had been received Caffrey will continue to contact the employees that have recently left to please complete the surveys and request an in-person interview if interested. Current survey results are mixed, however, it appears the surveys will yield useful information moving forward. The board can expect another update in June.

Operations Chief Report

Operations Chief Weisbaum and Assistant Chief Duke are currently attending a Fire Station Design Conference in the Chicago area. A written operations report was submitted to the Board. Caffrey further indicated that Chief Weisbaum was proceeding with a temporary moratorium on new fire suppression members as the District has exceeded the annual budget on protective gear, especially after outfitting the current 18-person Firefighter I class. Both Weisbaum and Caffrey thought that the current level of interest was impressive and that this was a good problem to have. It was expected that new members could be brought on board in the future as additional gear and/or funds were available.

Unscheduled Business and Public Comments

Director McCann expressed interest in connecting with the residents and homeowners at the Trappers Crossing a Wildcat subdivision due to the high wildfire risk in that area with limited ingress and egress. Fire Marshal Ems described the outreach efforts that have occurred in previous years and their limited effectiveness. An overall desire to continue engagement was expressed by the board. Ems will follow up with the Toad Property Management that manages the HOA to get on the agenda for the August HOA meeting. Additional activity related to the countywide CPAW project would also likely impact this discussion.

Additional conversation also ensued about adoption of a revised fire code. The District has currently adopted the 2003 International Fire Code (IFC) and has adopted amendments published as "CBFPD Standards and Guidelines Policy" in 2010. After discussion the Board asked that the Fire Marshal and District Management work towards adoption of the 2018 IFC with amendments by the end of 2019.

Executive Session

Motion at 6:40 PM by Dietrich, seconded by Lodovico to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters per C.R.S. 24-6-402(4)f. passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:09 PM by Dietrich, seconded by Lodovico. Passed unanimously

Action Following Executive Session

Motion to approve merit increases for Fire Marshal Ric Ems and Operations Chief Robert Weisbaum by Hird, seconded by McCann. Ems moves to the top of the current Fire Marshal pay scale or \$87,846. Weisbaum moves 5% above his current salary to \$89,250. Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:11 PM.