

Spokane County Fire Protection District 8
MINUTES
Station 81 and on Zoom
Board of Fire Commissioners Regular Meeting

September 7, 2021, 6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners was called to order at 6:00pm by Chair Greg Hesse. In Attendance: Commissioner Lee Boling, Commissioner Greg Hesse, Fire Chief Lonnie Rash, and District Secretary Carol Trescott. Commissioner Andy Rorie, Assistant Chief Chris Wyrobek, and legal counsel Beth Kennar, attended electronically. The meeting was also attended by a member of the community and several District members via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESOLUTION 21-06, MEETING LOCATION, DATE & TIME CHANGE

A motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve Resolution 21-06 as presented.** The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **Move to approve the Agenda as presented.** The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

The following warrants and electronic transfers were approved for payment:

- Warrant Numbers 113319 through 113400 totaling \$229,066.18
- Electronic Transfers 08/01/2021 – 08/31/2021 totaling \$397,378.89

A Motion was made by Commissioner Rorie and seconded by Commissioner Boling: **Move to approve the Consent Agenda as written.** The Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 21-07, Recommendation to the City of Spokane Valley for Development: Chief Rash presented an updated resolution recommending that the City of Spokane Valley establish certain development requirements within their incorporated areas. Spokane Valley Fire Department adopted a similar resolution. Chief Rash stated the District's previous draft resolution was amended to clarify that the requirement for a minimum 30' green space is around an entire development and not around each home. The document has been reviewed by legal counsel.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Hesse and seconded by Commissioner Boling: **Move to adopt Resolution 21-07 as presented.** The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution 21-08, Mandatory Vaccination for Members of Spokane County Fire Protection District No. 8: As requested at their previous meeting, Chief Rash presented the Board with a resolution which would require all members of the District to be vaccinated, regardless of their response status. The resolution in consideration was vetted by legal counsel and treats all employees and all members equally in the accommodation and exemption process.

After lengthy discussion, the Commissioners tabled the item.

B. Ambulance Service Board Contract Renewal: After several months of negotiations, Chief Rash reported the Ambulance Service Board has reached an agreement for services with American Medical Response (AMR). The agreement will be administered through Spokane Valley Fire Department. The renewed agreement was reviewed by legal counsel; and, legal has advised that the ASB chair has the authority to sign the contract with approval of the Ambulance Service Board. Contract highlights include:

- The contract is a three year agreement.
- Valley Fire has agreed to trial BLS units for Alpha and Bravo calls but may request ALS at any time.
- Base rate transport is \$975 with a per-mileage allowance of \$23.45; this is an 8.5% increase from the 2020 contract.
- Weighted CPI calculations are adjusted to match comparable agreements and reduce larger one- time rate increases.
- The contract includes an increase in contract administrator fees from \$50,000 to \$150,000.
- Customer surveys will be mailed to the Contract Administrator and not to AMR.
- There is an updated boundary zone to include a wilderness response for the south-end of the county which was previously not served.

EXECUTIVE REPORT:

A. September 11th Commemoration Event: Chief Rash reported that the District will expand its annual 911 commemorative ceremonies this year in recognition of the 20th anniversary. A bell presentation will be added to the ceremony at Station 81; the ceremony will also be broadcast on Facebook Live. The Chief will send out a complete schedule of events.

B. SCBA Grant: SCFD8 is recipient of a \$361,269 Assistance to Firefighters grant which will be used to replace aging SCBA. The District is responsible for 10% of the total cost (\$36,000). The grant will enable the District to purchase 52 SCBAs.

A Motion was made by Commissioner Boling and seconded by Commissioner Rorie: **To authorize Chief Rash to accept the AFG grant.** The Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:30pm Commissioner Hesse called for a thirty minute Executive Session per:

- RCW 42.30.110(1)(i) Litigation Potential Litigation, or Enforcement Actions – Proclamation Mandates, to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency.

- RCW 43.30.110(1)(g), To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee.

Chief Rash, Chief Wyrobek, Beth Kennar, and Carol Trescott joined the commissioners in Executive Session.

At 6:10 pm, Executive Session was extended for twenty minutes.

At 6:30 pm, Commissioner Hesse called the regular meeting back in session.

No decisions were made in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. 2022 Budget Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28th, 6:00 pm at Station 82
- B. Washington State Risk Management Group annual meeting is September 23 & 24th in Ellensburg, Washington

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:31 pm Commissioner Hesse adjourned the regular meeting.

Gregory A. Hesse, Chair
Fire District 8 Commissioner

ATTEST:

Carol L. Trescott, District Secretary