



## **Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 5:30 p.m.  
Fire Administration Building (FAB)  
Emergency Operations Center (EOC), 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
410 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St., Loveland, CO 80537**

**Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.**

**FRAC Present:** Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Fire Chief Randy Mirowski, Paul Pfeiffer, Eugene (Gene) Culbertson, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler, William (Willy) Tillman and Bonnie Wright.

**FRAC Absent:** Mayor Cecil Guterrez, David (Dave) Adams, Elton Bingham

**Minutes approval:** presented by Chair Jon Smela.

Bob Boggio motioned to approve the June 11, 2014 minutes; Paul Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**City Council updates:** Presented by Chief Mirowski

- ❖ The Fire Chief Selection process has been narrowed down to six finalists from the 68 applicants. Three of finalists are from Colorado and the other three finalists are from California. The candidates will be making presentations to the LFRA Employees and board members on August 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
- ❖ Chair Smela was asked to be part of that interview process but will not be able to attend. Bob Boggio will be attending in his place.
- ❖ The Fire Authority Board will reconvene at the end of August about how to go forward and make an offer of employment.
- ❖ Last week TVEMS District made an offer on the old Fire Station 2 building.
- ❖ The appraisal came back with a valuation of \$496,000.
- ❖ The Chief thinks the City Manager Bill Cahill might counter offer and then come up somewhere in the middle.
- ❖ The Asbestos Abatement will be around \$40,000 (ballpark estimate) which related to the cost reduction on the offer.
- ❖ The statue on the plinth currently at Fire Station 2 will be moved when the new Fire Station 2 is completed.

**Chief Updates:** presented by Fire Chief Randy Mirowski

- ❖ ISO – The Chief sent a letter today to ISO requesting a delay to allow LFRA to be better prepared and have all of the changes and improvements in place before the evaluation- the chief believes this will help our overall evaluation.
- ❖ The department is looking into the possibility of hiring a consultant to assist with the ISO evaluation- this would allow the department to get full credit for all of the changes and improvements made over the last six years.
- ❖ Steve Adams from the Water and Power Department has offered to pay for a portion of the cost for the consultant.
- ❖ Our overall goal is to receive an improved Public Protection Classification (PPC) rating that is reflective of the improvements made in our services and the other dimensions evaluated.
- ❖ The Accreditation process is on its way and the fire authority board gave approval to go forward. The first step is becoming a registered agency with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE).

**Rural District Board Updates:** presented by Rural Board member Andy Anderson

- ❖ The department got a new John Deere Gator.
- ❖ The Chief talked about the completion of Fire Station 2 is set for October 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ They had a presentation from Public Safety Administrative Director Renee Wheeler about the budget.
- ❖ Chief Mirowski is going to see if FRAC can have its next board meeting at the new fire station.
- ❖ Chair Smela asked about Accreditation and the performance measures that are in place. Renee stated that there is so much data and is thinking that the data would be available sometime in March or April. Jon and Renee will setup a time to meet and go over this data together.
- ❖ The fire training facility was covered in this meeting by Chief Mirowski.
- ❖ Old Fire Station 2 and Thompson Valley EMS – they have gone from a perspective of looking at a lease agreement with TVEMS to a new interpretation of the charter with a straight purchase.
- ❖ A real estate valuation of the property came in around \$500,000.
- ❖ The appraisal cost about \$5,000.
- ❖ A rescue crew member recently got injured by a rock.
- ❖ There was a fundraiser on April 18<sup>th</sup> at the main station (Big Thompson Canyon Department).
- ❖ Larimer County has agreed to allow Fire Station 7 to be re-built at the previous site.

**Budget Review:** presented by Chief Mirowski and Administrative Director Renee Wheeler

- ❖ The Chief went over the Good to Great and Built to Last from now and forward to 2021 part of the presentation.
- ❖ Base Services are 11.7 million plus supplemental puts us at 10.9% of the total budget.
- ❖ The Chief talked about the Four Pillars which are: Operations, Community Safety, Administration and Human Resources
- ❖ Supplemental Training for Firefighters and Accreditation January – May

- ❖ An Administrative Analyst is proposed come on board in June 2015.
- ❖ Administrative Director Renee Wheeler outlined Apparatus and Station funding and what kind of capital we have in the plan.
- ❖ Added over 9,000 square feet (for maintenance costs) with the purchase of the training center
- ❖ The hourly rate for Special Event pay is increasing from \$40 an hour to \$42 an hour
- ❖ Every program is individually analyzed and what goals can be achieved for each program.
- ❖ Outstanding issues are: Overtime versus adding rovers, building activity, alerting system and dispatch communicates a call to the fire stations.
- ❖ Budget Biz April – June – the department is at 42.2% of the annual budget compared to 44.4% last year.
- ❖ Rural District Board will approve it in September
- ❖ Gene Culbertson gave Renee kudos for her meticulous work.

**Residential Fire Sprinkler Update:** Chair Jon Smela

- ❖ At the last Residential Fire Sprinkler Steering Committee meeting in July, the committee came up with the options:
  - 1. Status Quo and continue what we are doing
  - 2. Full adoption without any amendments
  - 3. Highlight an option in between
- ❖ Chief Sparks asked Chair Smela what FRACs position is
- ❖ Chair Smela asked for the member's feedback.
- ❖ Paul Pfeiffer is very aware of the value of residential sprinklers and he would not mind seeing the code adopted as it is written.
- ❖ Chief Sparks spoke on behalf of Dave Adams that he would like to see full adoption.
- ❖ Bob Boggio would like full adoption because it has a date attached to it
- ❖ Wille Tillman is not in favor of full adoption
- ❖ Gene Culbertson would support the interim step measure commensurate with political realities.
- ❖ The stakeholders visualize this is going to happen, this is a step forward but this is not the right time.
- ❖ Gene Culbertson announced that he sold his house and has to resign from FRAC. He will be moving to Colorado Springs into a rental that is sprinklered.
- ❖ Andy would like to take the piece of the pie that we can get for now. Due to financial and political reasons take the piece of the pie that we are sure of.
- ❖ Chief Sparks is worried that it is going to be a fight and asked for Gene's feedback.
- ❖ Gene feels it is very contingent upon what happens with the economy and city council so it is hard to say.
- ❖ The majority on the steering committee were not in favor of full adoption.
- ❖ Chair Smela voted for the interim step as well with movement towards long term, fuller adoption.
- ❖ Chair Smela hopes that many from the group will attend the meeting in October.
- ❖ Chief Sparks appreciates all of the hard work that Chair Smela did on this.

**Public Education/Outreach:** Division Chief Sparks

- ❖ Chair Smela postponed this item for the next meeting. The Community Safety Division has been challenged and needs to see what is the current state and as a commission to facilitate a need to frame up ideas and direction for public outreach.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the EOC.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Bonnie Wright, Administrative Technician, LFRA.

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