



Loveland Fire & Rescue Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2015, 5:30 p.m.
Police & Courts Building
Police Institute, South Side
810 E. 10th St., Loveland, CO. 80537

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m.

FRAC Present: Chair Jonathan (Jon) Smela, Co-Chair Bob Boggio, Fire Chief Mark Miller, Division Chief Ned Sparks, Leroy (Andy) Anderson, David (Dave) Adams, William (Willy) Tillman, Elton Bingham, Division Chief Greg Ward, and Bonnie Wright.

FRAC Absent: Mayor Cecil Gutierrez, Paul Pfeiffer and Leo Wotan

Minutes approval: presented by Chair Smela
Bob Boggio motioned to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes; Dave Adams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

City Council updates: Presented by Fire Chief Miller

- ❖ At the March 24th City Council Study Session, they will be looking at rescinding sales tax on food/consumable goods. This could be a six million dollar impact on the general fund – very few cities do not have some sort of sales tax on food for home consumption.

Chief Updates: presented by Fire Chief Miller

- ❖ The main update he had was about the three E's Tour (Excellent, Ethical and Enduring) that he will cover next month with the month end report.
- ❖ The Training Center Tour, Engine Rescue and Tower are on the April Agenda.
- ❖ Longtime volunteer firefighter Bob Bentley passed away and his funeral service was last week. There was an article in the Report Herald about the 1969 Mack Firetruck he was refurbishing.
- ❖ There were no questions from the commission about any of the reports.

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

- ❖ At the last rural board meeting there was some discussion about the upcoming mill levy. Some of the board members have some high level issues regarding the mill levy and will need to come to an agreement about this.

- ❖ The Big Thompson Canyon Volunteer Fire Department started their wild land team and training. Four people have volunteered for that.
- ❖ The new aerial tower is in and it is a very nice piece of equipment.
- ❖ FRAC will get to see the new tower at next month's meeting.
- ❖ Chief Miller commented that Co-chair Boggio could provide some very good input being a member of the rural board as well as a resident and taxpayer in the rural district.

Carryover Memo, Exhibit & Resolution R-043: Presented by Chief Miller

- ❖ In a memo to the LFRA Board from the Chief, they are asking city council if they can appropriate 2014 budget savings in 2015 for incomplete projects and high priority needs.
- ❖ The station alert system in the fire stations is 30 year old technology. A man who lives here locally has been able to service the system in the past but is not as accessible anymore. Fire Stations 2 & 6 have the newer alerting systems and it can alert half the crew at a time and not the other. One of the enhancements with the new system is that it auto dispatches to the crews which could reduce turnout time out the door. The cost would be \$164,000 per fire station.
- ❖ The current budget is not impacted by carryover funds. The Chief will be asking city council for an appropriation of those funds from last year. It does raise some questions as to why the department did not spend the money that was budgeted.

Communications Center Overview: Loveland Police Department Supervisor Carmen Bloom and Dispatchers Kristen Owen and Erin Berry gave a presentation about the communications center and Fire/EMS. Carmen is also the liaison for the fire authority.

- ❖ Chair Smela asked as the department moves towards the fire authority, how much will the relationship with dispatch change. Chief Miller commented that it will pretty much remain the same.
- ❖ After the presentation, FRAC was given a tour of the LPD Communications Center.

Motion to Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

The next FRAC meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. at the Loveland Fire Rescue Authority Training Center.

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

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