

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of July 20, 2021
Administration Building and via Zoom*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: New Hire Oaths – Gabriel Gonzalez and William Thomas; Promotion to Lieutenant Derek Bill

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. with the following members present: Larry Jennis, Robert Bennett, David Bishop, George Harris. Al Robinson was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath.

Chairman Jennis stated that Commissioner Robinson is absent tonight with extraordinary circumstances. He stated that the board rules include that if any Commissioner is not physically present at a regular meeting they must abstain from voting, however, can participate in discussion. Commissioner Bennett motioned to allow Commissioner Robinson to participate in discussion but abstain from voting; seconded by Commissioner Harris; motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Jennis asked if there was a motion to approve the excused absence for Commissioner Bishop from the June 16, 2021, meeting? Commissioner Harris motioned to approve; seconded by Commissioner Bennett; motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Bishop abstaining.

PUBLIC HEARING 2020-2021 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Administrative Manager Kichar verified that public notice was advertised in the Bradenton Herald on Sunday, July 11th, 2021. She stated that this is the amendment that is done each year to adjust to final audit figures and when adjustments are done to individual line items. This does not change bottom line totals of income or expenses that were originally adopted in September. She stated that we are also looking to add the fence and gate for the administration building, the signage for the building and acoustic tiles for the EOC and for Station 2 bunk rooms. Chairman Jennis opened the public hearing for public comments; there was none. Chairman Jennis closed the public hearing. Commissioner Harris stated that the budget is a good one and kept our tax increase to a minimum. Commissioner Bennett stated it is a normal function to reallocate some monies and staying within our budget. Commissioner Harris motioned to approve Resolution 2021-04 for the 2020-2021 Budget Amendment; seconded by Commissioner Bennett. Roll call vote was taken. Commissioner Harris - yes, Commissioner Bennett - yes, Commissioner Bishop - yes, Chairman Jennis - yes. Motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Harris motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Bennett; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

CHIEF'S REPORT: Deputy Chief Johnson gave an update on Hurricane Elsa. He stated that we staffed our high-water vehicle, and it was fully ALS capable. We called in an extra Officer to ride with the Battalion Chief; had the Fire Prevention Bureau to be prepared for regional or Tier 2 dispatching; the Chief remained as well to assist, and the Deputy Chief went to the Public Safety Center which he stated it was an invaluable experience. Commissioner Harris asked if DC Johnson could elaborate on what Tier 2 means. DC Johnson stated that Tier 2 dispatching ensures that we do not have units crossing over. In this event, the calls would come through to Chief Rigney and he would then give to Fire Prevention to dispatch out. Commissioner Harris asked if we received non-emergency calls through the regular phone line. DC Johnson stated we did not. Commissioner Bishop asked if we had our pallet of water. Chief Johnson stated we have it at Station 1.

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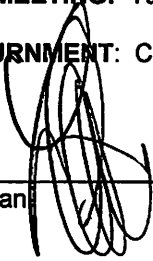
OTHER REPORTS: None

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Bishop wanted to thank the firefighters for showing up to his wife's tribute on June 20th. He stated it meant a lot to him and his family.


NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at Administration Headquarters.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Jennis adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman



Secretary



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