Call to Order - At 1900 by J. Prenevost.

Roll Call – J. Prenevost, J. Meyers, B. Burr, M. Ballenger, J. Walker

Public – N. Brown

The regular meeting was temporarily closed at 1901 hrs by J. Prenevost.

# **BUDGET HEARING**

The Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 22-23 Budget was opened by J. Prenevost at 1902 hrs.

No public were in attendance via online portal or in person.

The Budget Hearing for the proposed FY 22-23 Budget was adjourned by J. Prenevost at 19:03 hrs.

The regular meeting was re-opened at 1903 hours by J. Prenevost.

**Additions to Agenda** – Chief Dragt added "Grant Discussion" under New Business to the agenda and removed "Master Planning".

Comments from the Floor - None.

**Approval of May Minutes** – J. Walker moved to approve the minutes from May 2022. M. Ballenger seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## Correspondence - None.

**Unfinished Business. Station 2.** Chief Dragt reported Zion Builders reviewed Station 2's needs. Report is no immediate concern on the roof or sag in doorway. Zion recommended addressing the bathroom for approximately 2-3k. The Board discussed and verbally directed the Chief to move forward if the price remains under the capital amount of \$5k.

# **Treasurers Report** –

The Chief presented the last checks for year. The cash carryover ended slightly higher than anticipated and budget ended on track. J. Walker moved to pay the bills. B. Burr seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

## **New Business**

**Grant Discussion.** Chief Dragt shared the Oregon State Fire Marshall's Office Staffing Grant packet. Paperwork was provided on a Friday and applications due on Monday. The staffing grant was approved. This will result in 3 additional employees to be hired July 1 – Sept 30 able to serve the public.

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The acceptance of the grant will require a supplemental budget to be completed in the July cycle.

#### **Budget Actions**

B. Burr moved to adopt the Resolution 2022-1 to adopt the budget including the appropriations to categorize the tax and taxes. Mike Ballenger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

J. Walker moved to adopt the Resolutions 2022-2 authorizing the transfer from the general fund to reserve fund for future expenditures. B. Burr seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

#### Comments from the Floor.

No Comments

Training Update. None

**Chief's Update** – M. Peterson has resigned from Dexter Fire as Chief. Dexter has made a conditional offer to Josh Wolfe, a current Firefighter, EMS Captain and Instructor.

School graduations begin this weekend. Deputy Chief Brown's children are graduating, Priscilla Thurman and Sam Smith as well as P. Bowlsby are graduating.

May 26<sup>th</sup>, Law Enforcement found several bags with body parts in it above Orchard Park within the fire district. There was another incident regarding an attempted abduction in which the suspect lost Law Enforcement in the Fall Creek area.

A check LRFD wrote to JK Electric's home address was stolen, washed and cashed. Banner Bank has refunded the money to the account. A process called Positive Pay has been started which involves verification of every check written.

Minimum wage increases are effective July 1, 2022 requiring adjustments to payroll. The Chief requested increases for the Firefighters and 3% increase for the Deputy Chief as budgeted. He did not request an increase to for himself. Chief reminded the board subsequent year minimum wage is based on CPI which may be more substantial than historical increases.

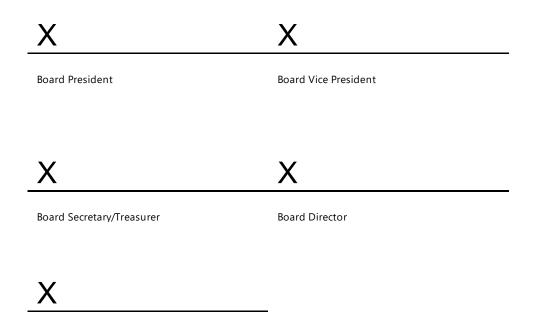
The Chief and Board discussed rising CPI and static tax rates despite new building noting a levy may be considered in the future. They discussed using conflagration and incident billing as methods for increased revenue.

Calls for May: 17 Calls Total.

Next Meeting, July 13, 2022.

Adjourned – 1922hrs.

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