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FIRE DEPT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2013
8:30 AM**

**MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE ROOM
311 BURTON HILL ROAD**

THE AGENDA WAS POSTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT (TGC Chapter 551). A QUORUM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WAS IN ATTENDANCE.

ATTENDEES:

Chair	Kelly Jones
Member	Nick Encke
Member	Mike Coleman
Mayor	Anthony Yeager
Council Member	Steve Beckman
Interim Fire Chief	Brian McKinney
Senior Fire Chief	Don Day
City Administrator	Roger Unger
City Secretary	Carol Borges
Firefighter	Michael Roberts
Firefighter	Aaron Dixon
Firefighter	Leo Sumner
Resident	Lorna Paden
Resident	Jeannette Jones
Resident	Melva Campbell

CALLED TO ORDER at 8:33am by Chairman Jones.

Approval of Minutes from Fire Dept Oversight Committee Meeting on October 10, 2013.

- **MOTION** made by Mike Coleman. **SECOND** by Nick Encke. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discuss the future of fire protection for the City of Westworth Village.

- Extensive discussion on 911 medical call response procedures, from receipt of the call by dispatch, tone to Westworth Fire Dept, arrival of PD/FD/MedStar on-scene, clearing the call, as well as differences between ECA, EMT, and Paramedic training and responsibility.
- Further discussion needed on the impact of contracting with Fort Worth for fire protection and primary medical response by MedStar. The City must evaluate the value of providing higher than ECA response

(i.e. Police Officers) to the cost of service to each taxpayer. As police calls increase within the City limits, what is the anticipated impact on the PD's ability to respond to those calls if they are always the First Responders on medical calls and will be expected to run on a MedStar ambulance to assist in medical transport?

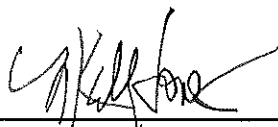
- Roger Unger was asked to 1) invite Dr Beason, the City's Medical Control Officer, to the next committee meeting, 2) gather response times and flow chart information from MedStar, and 3) gather data from the Independent Living group as to what level of medical response they expect from the City, based on existing properties.
- Chief McKinney was asked to 1) gather data on how often First Responders participate in ambulatory transport, and 2) gather data on how often the level of training makes a difference on a medical call.
- Discussion moved to 90/10 grant funding for fire equipment and a brush truck. The City must provide a preliminary response [similar to a letter of intent] to accept funding for a brush truck within the next few days. Confirmation/final response is required by Nov 20th. The City would be expected to keep the brush truck for at least 10 years. If the City accepts the award and then abolishes the Fire Department, we will be required to either sell the truck and repay 90% of the sale amount or donate it to Helping Hands. Chief McKinney was instructed to respond with acceptance of the grant award, contingent on Council approval. A decision will be made by the November Council meeting.
- Mayor Yeager thanked the firefighters for their efforts on behalf of the residents and stated this discussion is not about their commitment or level of service, but about planning for the financial stability of the City.
- No action was taken.

Next meeting date TBD.

ADJOURNED at 10:19am by Chairman Jones.

MINUTES taken by City Secretary Carol Borges.

MINUTES APPROVED on this, the 21st day of November, 2013.



Kelly Jones, Chair



SIGNATURE ATTESTED BY:



Carol Ann Borges, City Secretary