

GJRFPD Board Meeting
12-12-04 18:00
Church on the Rock, 2170 Broadway, Grand Junction, Colorado

Board Members Present: Jerry Clark-JC, Rob Dixon-RD, Tery Dixon-TD, John Heckman-JH, Steve Gsell-SG

Other Present: Chief Rick Beaty, NAG Members, Other members of the public

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order by SG at 18:05.

2. Meeting Minutes.

After discussion, a motion was made by JC to approve the 10-16-03 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by TD. A member of the public, Mr. Ray Leonard requested they be read aloud which SG did. Approved unanimously following the reading.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD to approve the 11-25-03 meeting minutes as amended, seconded by JC. A member of the public, Mr. Ray Leonard again requested they be read aloud which SG did. Approved by TD, SG, JH following the reading. RD and JC abstained as they were not in attendance at the meeting.

3. Public Comment.

A letter dated 12-4-03 from Mesa County Assessor Curtis Belcher was read. Mr. Belcher believes that the Redlands Subdistrict mill levy was improperly levied and collected for 2002. Mr. Belcher and his office was pressured into applying the levy onto the 2002 property taxes. The board will look into this matter further and agreed that RD should work on setting up an escrow type account to separate the money in question.

Comments were entertained regarding the District/City MOA, proposed budget and a joint District/City meeting.

There were several comments about the contract with the City and the action the Board should take toward setting up a joint meeting with them.

4. Chief Beaty monthly report.

Upon being introduced, Chief Beaty got up and left the meeting. He was retrieved from the parking lot and explained he thought the meeting was over.

A. Station 5.

The Chief reported that station 5 is approximately 2 weeks ahead of schedule. Plumbing, steel, utility work progressing. Wastewater issues exist with Church on the Rock.

JC inquired about the possibility of service enhancement in the Sub-District after January 1. The Chief responded that there will be no specific schedule. Crews will be in the Redlands periodically during the day after January 1.

B. Year end figures.

Information presented on the year end figures for 2003. Number of calls, fire prevention information, response times, response areas.

C. City/County Fire Study.

The fire study as commissioned by the City and County is nearing completion and parts of it are complete. A meeting will be scheduled for initial review.

D. Other.

Following the Chief's report, JC made the following statement for the benefit of those present to clarify some existing issues.

The District exists to provide fire and EMS services, it does not solely exist for the purpose of collecting taxes for the City of Grand Junction. Further, NAG does not exist to oversee the Board of Directors.

5. Executive Session.

After discussion, a motion was made by RD at 19:15 to go into executive session for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations; developing strategy for negotiations; and instructing negotiators; 24-6-402(4)(e)CRS, seconded by JC, approved unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD at 19:37 to adjourn executive session, seconded by JH, approved unanimously.

6. Call to Order.

After a short break, the meeting was re-called to order at 19:45 by SG.

7. Budget Hearing and Mill Levy.

The meeting was opened to public comment regarding the 2004 budget. Questions from the public were asked and answered. No formal objections were made by the public to the 2004 budget.

After discussion and public comment, a motion was made by RD to approve Resolution 121203A, RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET, seconded by JH. Voting aye JC, RD, JH, SG. TD states she is not in support of the MOA and voted nay.

After discussion and public comment, a motion was made by RD to approve Resolution 121203B, RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES, seconded by TD, approved unanimously.

After discussion and public comment, a motion was made by RD to approve Resolution 121203C, RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY, seconded by TD. Voting aye JC, RD, JH, SG. TD states she is not in support of the MOA and voted nay.

After discussion and public comment, a motion was made by RD to approve Resolution 121203D, RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES, seconded by JC. voting aye JC, RD, JH, SG. TD states she is not in support of the subdistrict mill levy and voted nay.

Several members of the public expressed concern about lack of improved service in the Redlands after paying the increased property taxes.

8. Election.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD to appoint RD as the DEO and approve Resolution 121203E, RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL AND AUTHORIZING DESIGNATED ELECTION OFFICIAL TO CANCEL ELECTION, seconded by JC, approved unanimously.

9. Adjourn.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD at 2008 to adjourn the meeting, seconded by JH, approved unanimously.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RD

APPROVED 4-2-04