

GJRFPD Board Meeting
1-23-04 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

Others Present: Attorney John Siddeek, Mayor Jim Spehar-City of Grand Junction, Councilperson Cindy Enos-Martinez, Chief Rick Beaty, NAG Members, Other members of the public

1. Call to Order.

Meeting called to order by SG at 18:05.

2. GJFD Monthly Report - Chief Beaty

A. Station 5.

On schedule for late spring completion. Have been some construction and weather problems which will not affect the completion date.

B. Personnel.

FD is down 5 positions. Will be hiring to fill spaces. Training academy will be scheduled soon.

The Chief will be making an effort to ensure all board members receive copies of the monthly report and the station 5 updates as not everyone has been receiving copies.

The Chief reported he had mailed a copy of the current contract invoice for January 31 to SG and presented a hard copy to RD at the meeting.

3. City of Grand Junction.

Mayor Jim Spehar and Councilperson Cindy Enos-Martinez from the City of Grand Junction were in attendance to make a statement for the City Council.

Mayor Spehar stated that the City and County had met and decided that the 2002 tax collected in the Sub-District had been collected properly. The Mayor further stated that the Mesa County Assessor, Mr. Curtis Belcher, had changed his position to agree with the assessment of the City and County.

Mayor Spehar stated that the City has no interest in re-negotiating the contract and they will not talk to the Board until all bills are paid in full.

RD inquired of Mayor Spehar why the City and County don't bother to speak with the fire district board on issues concerning the District, further they seem to think they are in a position to dictate to the board everything the District must do. Mayor Spehar responded that the County is a major player in this issue and it isn't necessary to speak with the Board.

JH inquired as to why no contract negotiations would occur. Mayor Spehar responded that the contract is fair and would not be changed.

JC indicated that several items on the contract need clarification. Mr. Spehar reiterated their position.

Mayor Spehar and Councilperson Martinez concluded their presentation and departed.

4. Meeting notice posting places 2004.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD to post three day meeting notices and the 24 hour agenda at the following locations for 2004:

1. Mesa County Office of the Clerk & Recorder.
2. Safeway Food Store-Redlands.
3. Orchard Mesa Market.
4. Fruitvale Elementary School (24 hour agenda).

Seconded by JC, approved unanimously.

The Board set the regular meeting for the third Friday of the month at 19:00 (7:00 PM) in the Community Room at Mesa Mall, 2424 Highway 6-50, Grand Junction, Colorado.

5. Public Comment.

Members of the public offered several comments regarding the District-City MOA, burn permits, and opinions of the City and County on Sub-District tax issues.

6. Executive Session.

After discussion, a motion was made by RD at 2005 to go into executive session for the purpose of a conference with attorney John Siddeek for the purposes of receiving legal advise on District-City MOA questions, 24-6-402(4)(b)CRS, seconded by JC, approved unanimously.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD at 2100 to adjourn executive session, seconded by JH, approved unanimously.

7. Other Business.

After discussion, a motion was made by RD to direct Attorney John Siddeek to prepare for and make contact with the City regarding questions of the legality of tax collection in the Sub-district in 2002, seconded by JC, approved unanimously.

8. Adjourn.

After discussion, a motion was made by TD at 2105 to adjourn the meeting, seconded by RD, approved unanimously.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY RD

MINUTES APPROVED 4-2-04