

HARTFORD FIRE BOARD MEETING 05-13-24

Reported by City Fire Board Representative Eric Germinder (**NOT** official meeting minutes)

Approved Accounts Payable in the amount of \$22,603.99.

Tabled moving the accounts from Huntington Bank to Honor Credit Union until Peter Stanslawski is present to provide detail.

Approved the retirement of FF Kevin Reed after 40 years of service. Also approved the appointment of Kevin as a member of the HFD Auxiliary Unit.

Approved the request from Probationary Member Steve Lowe to have his probationary period reduced. This was after discussion from Assistant Chief Kevin McGrew, who advised the board of Steve's firefighting history with both HFD and Lawrence FD, and his experience and commitment to HFD.

Discussed and approved discontinuing the fire department's relationship with Comcast/Xfinity and entering into a relationship with FirstNet/AT&T for phone and internet services. This move is expected to save the department approximately \$100/month. The department plans to port the current phone number (621-4707) from Comcast.

Discussed and approved the purchase of 4 new Lifepak CR2 AEDs to begin phasing out the old ones. The old ones require special pads for youths which have been impossible to obtain since the pandemic. Also, at least 2 of the older models batteries are not made anymore and cannot be charged. The newer model's pads can be used on both adults and children. Purchase price not to exceed \$9,200. Funds to come from the Donations Account.

Discussed and approved the purchase of a new Grassfire Skid Unit from QTAC (model 125HP UTV Fire Skid). Unit will be placed on Unit 1869 and replace a skid that has been in use for 20 years and can no longer produce sufficient pressure or volume. The new skid will have a 125 gallon water tank, pump capable of producing 120 psi and 105 gpm. It also will have an electric hose reel. Not to exceed \$9,800. Funds to come from Millage Account.

Reviewed the HFD Capital Equipment Plan 2024-2034 to begin the process of prioritizing the needs of the department. Top of the priority list is new nozzles, the 2010 Ford Explorer (1810 Medical First Response Vehicle), and the 2010 Ford Pickup (1802 Command/Medical Response Vehicle). Although several different options were discussed, from mini-pumper, to multi-use vehicle, to a

Class A snorkel truck (which could replace one or two current big units, possibly 1841 & 1831). Google Charlotte Fire Department to see what a snorkel truck is like. If that route is chosen, it would allow the department to sell the aforementioned truck (as prices go up, it's possible to get more for them than what was paid). These ideas are only in their infancy and no concrete plans are yet made. Further discussion will take place.

Lastly, Assistant Chief McGrew spoke on the upcoming changes to the OSHA regulations covering fire departments. Some of the could be very time-consuming and/or expensive. For example, pre-plans updated every year, two sets of turnout gear for each firefighter, mass decontamination of personnel on scene, and the removal and transportation of gear used at any scene. Assistant Chief McGrew is to provide a more detailed report either in June or July. The adoption of the new OSHA regulations could also impact the priority of spending.