

MINUTES
CITY OF STEVENSON COUNCIL MEETING
September 10, 2024
6:00 PM, City Hall and Remote

1. CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Councilmember Dave Cox, Pat Rice, Lucy Lauser, and Chuck Oldfield

Community Development Director Ben Shumaker, City Administrator Leana Kinley, and Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Anders Sorestad

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Perry - Commented on the City annexing into Fire District 2, maintenance at the fire hall, and the Fire Chief job description.

Sam Kniesteadt - Commented on the City annexing into Fire District 2.

Ray Broughton - Commented on the City annexing into Fire District 2

3. COUNCIL BUSINESS:

a) **Fire Department Update** - Fire Chief Rob Farris provided an update on the department.

b) **Discuss Fire Chief Job Description** - A draft job description for the Fire Chief was provided for discussion.

Fire Chief Rob Farris passed along recommendations from the District to remove Flagger certifications from job description.

The Council & Fire District agreed to present the Job Description with the recommended changes for approval at the September 19th council meeting.

c) **Discuss Existing Fire Hall Maintenance** - The existing Fire Hall is in need of maintenance and improvements to the exterior and interior. Preliminary estimates for painting or siding the building exceeded \$100,000. The bathrooms also need to be updated. The Fire Hall is 50% owned by Fire District 2 and 50% owned by the City. Discussion around how to move forward given the future plans to abandon the building.

Fire Chief Rob Farris brought to the Council the opportunity to apply for state funding to help with the costs of maintenance and improvements for the fire hall.

Council directed the Fire Chief to continue searching out estimates for all work needed, in the hope of getting state funding. The next update will be provided at the December 10th Joint Meeting.

- d) Discuss Fire Department Governance** - City Administrator Leana Kinley presented a memo on the future governance structure of the Stevenson Fire Department for discussion and direction.

Council gave consensus to research the steps necessary for the City to contract with Fire District 2 to provide City fire services. Fire District 2 will work with the City Administrator to prepare a contract for review at the December 10th Joint Meeting.

4. ISSUES FOR THE NEXT MEETING-DECEMBER 10, 2024 AT 6PM:

Review contract for Fire District 2 to provide fire services to the City.

5. ADJOURNMENT - The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

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Scott Anderson, Mayor

Date