## McMinnville Fire District

Minutes of Board Meeting

Held via Zoom Video Conference and at McMinnville Fire Station, McMinnville Oregon

Thursday September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Directors:	Present	Absent

Adam Garvin Ray Pratt Brian Smith Dan Sparrow Josh Traff

Also present were Chief Leipfert, HR Director Vicki Hedges, Assistant Chief Amy Hanifan, Assistant Chief Scott Law, A/C Fire Marshal Ty Darby, Donna Fleischman

Call to Order: President Garvin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Changes to the agenda: None

**Consent Agenda/Approval of Minutes:** None

Financial Report: None

**Public Comment:** President Garvin called for statements from citizens. No public comments

## **Business: Action**

a. Fire Chief Hiring Process Update

Director Hedges update: Job posting is closed, there are 14 applicants, and 9 that meet minimum qualifications. The applicants are being reviewed and scored; results will be in next week. Panels are finalized.

b. Consider first reading of Ordinance No. 23-1: An Ordinance Prohibiting Career and Volunteers and Other District Employees and Volunteers from Serving as a District Director.

Time: 6:03 p.m. (03:20)

Vice President Smith made a motion and Secretary Pratt seconded to approve Ordinance 23-1, in its 1st reading; An Ordinance prohibiting career and volunteer firefighters and other district employees and volunteers from serving as a District Director. The 2nd reading is scheduled for the Regular Board meeting on September 28, 2023. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

i. Copy of Ordinance available at Fire Station

c. Consider first reading of **Ordinance No. 23-2;** An ordinance to Allow the McMinnville Fire District to Adopt Fees and Rates for District Provided Services and Allowing for Future Board Amendments of Rates by Resolution. Time: 6:06 p.m. (06:10)

Director Sparrow made a motion and Treasurer Traff seconded to approve Ordinance 23- 2, in its 1st reading; An Ordinance to Allow the McMinnville Fire District to Adopt Fees and Rates for District Provided Services and Allowing for Future Board Amendments of Rates by Resolution. The 2nd reading is scheduled for the Regular Board meeting on September 28th, 2023. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

i. Copy of Ordinance available at Fire Station

d. Review and adopt Board Policies 15, 20-23 <u>Time: 6:07 p.m. (07:19)</u>

15. Committees of the BoardThe policy presented has the "Personnel Committee" removed by recommendation from the Chief.Secretary Pratt made a motion and Vice President Smith seconded to approve Board Policy 15 as amended. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

20. Ethics

Vice President Smith made a motion and Secretary Pratt seconded to approve Board policy 20 as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0. 21. FireMed Benefit

Treasurer Traff made a motion and Director Sparrow seconded to approve Board policy 21 as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

22. Uniform Benefit

Director Sparrow made a motion and Secretary Pratt seconded to approve Board policy 22 as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

23. Board Expenses and Compensation

Secretary Pratt made a motion and Director Sparrow seconded to approve Board policy 23 as presented. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

 e. Resolution 2023-09 Resolution of the District Approving the Fire Chief Recruitment/Hiring and Selection Screening Process.
<u>Time: 6:19 p.m. (19:50)</u> Vice President Smith made a motion and Treasurer Traff seconded to approve

## **Other Business:**

- a) Board Committee/liaison Reports
  - I. LOSAP Treasurer Traff, nothing new to report.

Resolution 2023-09 as written. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

- II. Branding Director Sparrow, nothing new to report, and the committee will meet again September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- b) Board Information Reports: Chief Leipfert mentioned a call he received from Scott Unger with the News Register asking for more information regarding the Branding committee meetings as public meetings. The Chief explained that those are not posted as public meetings because there will not be a quorum.
- c) Brief Board on Lafayette agreement

Chief briefed the Board on the concept of placing an ambulance at the Lafayette Fire Station which would improve response times to the North end of McMinnville as well as Cruickshank, and Hwy 18 area. Also mentioned that the revised ASA is not finalized yet.

## Information

- a) Division/Department Reports
  - International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 3099: President Godfrey mentioned the local 3099 and the Volunteer Association was contacted recently about bringing back the historic Firefighters Dance. Both associations will see if this is something that can be done.
  - II. McMinnville Volunteer Firefighters Association: No Report
  - III. Fire Chief Report: Air Show is September 28<sup>th</sup> October 1<sup>st</sup>. Sales are up this year from last year.
- b) Correspondence: None
- c) Informational items: None
- d) Next Meeting: Thursday September 28, 2023, at 6 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: Time: 6:36 p.m.