

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

*Minutes of July 16, 2019
Administration Building*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: David Bishop, Randy Cooper, Larry Jennis and Al Robinson. George Harris was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by a moment of silence and the oath. Chairman Bishop announced that anyone wishing to provide public comment on any of the agenda items should fill out a Comment Card located at the table by the door and hand them in to the Chief.

PUBLIC HEARING for 2nd Reading Ordinance 2019-03 Amending & Restating FF Retirement Plan: Chairman Bishop opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2019-03. Administrative Assistant Kichar verified it was published in the Bradenton Herald on 7/9/19. Chief Sousa recommended approval as written. The Union has signed off and agreed to the version. Chairman Bishop opened public hearing. No public comment and Chairman Bishop closed the public hearing. Commissioner Cooper motioned to accept Ordinance 2019-03 as presented; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO AGENDA: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Cooper motioned to approve consent agenda as presented; seconded by Commissioner Jennis; motion passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

CARRIED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A. *New Administration Building:* Chief Sousa stated that he met with both property owners. Both are agreeing to sell their property. Yulara 2 LLC property which is over by Beall's is \$295,000 and Dr. Matthews property is \$400,000. Commissioner Jennis asked if our attorney has reviewed the contracts. Chief Sousa stated he generated both. Commissioner Jennis stated he thinks we should move forward with the property by Beall's. Commissioner Jennis made a motion to purchase Yulara 2 LLC property and give the Fire Chief the authority to execute the contract; seconded by Commissioner Cooper. Discussion followed. Commissioner Cooper stated that both properties have pluses and minuses but this one has the most options and he thinks we should go with this. Chairman Bishop stated he would feel more comfortable if the full board was here. Commissioner Cooper stated we should continue, and it is not fair to the property owner to delay any further. Commissioner Jennis agreed with Commissioner Cooper. Discussion ended. Chairman Bishop called for a roll call on the vote. Commissioner Jennis – yes; Commissioner Cooper – yes; Commissioner Robinson – yes; Chairman Bishop – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. *Station 2 Lease Agreement:* Chief Sousa presented the lease agreement to purchase the parcel that we are leasing at our Station 2 property for \$285,000. We would then own the property outright and there would be no Impact Fee credits utilized and we would be using Impact Fee funds to purchase. Commissioner Cooper motioned to approve the Lease Amendment and Purchase Agreement Second Amendment and authorize the Chairman to sign for the Board; seconded by Commissioner Jennis. Discussion followed. Commissioner Robinson asked if we have an option on this. Chief Sousa stated that eventually we would have to purchase the property. The longer we wait the property could increase. Discussion ended. Motion passed unanimously.

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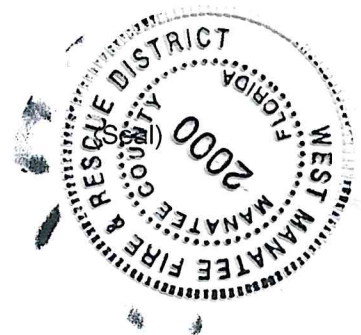
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CHIEF'S REPORT: Battalion Chief Moore reported on a significant call we had. He stated that on June 22nd at 8:41 p.m. our boat was dispatched for a watercraft rescue. A woman had fallen off a recreational boat and was no longer seen. We were able to locate the woman. This was a great call, the boat and equipment performed flawlessly. B.C. Moore also reported that we have a new firefighter/paramedic that will be starting next week. It will be the first female we have had in quite some years. We also have had two more of our medics obtain charge medic status. Chief Sousa stated that we will be presenting an Interlocal Agreement with Manatee County in the future to respond out of our District to perform ALS calls.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: Commissioner Cooper wanted to say congratulations to hiring a new female firefighter/paramedic. Commissioner Robinson stated he would like to meet new hires at the monthly meetings. Chief Sousa stated that she will be present at next month's meeting to do employee oath.


NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Administration building.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Bishop adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.





Chairman



Secretary