

Iona McGregor Fire District Budget Workshop Meeting
August 21, 2019
4:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Roll Call of Commissioners

Present: Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Andersen, and Commissioner Louwers;
Commissioners Barbosa and Langford arrived at 4:33p.m.

Opening Prayer given by DC Steffens with Pledge of Allegiance following

Agenda Items (No Action Taken)

1) Budget Workshop

Chief Howard mentioned that personnel services make up a large portion of the budget, adding that a component of personnel services is the employee benefits. Chief then informed that representatives of the Gehring Group are present and will give a brief presentation on the benefits and their services. Dustin Kuehn and Cameron Burt introduced themselves and began with a brief introduction to the service team that will be working with Iona McGregor with insurance benefits. Renewal policies were briefly named; medical claims summary was given by Cameron indicating that higher claims have been seen of late and driven by a few large claims. Medical up, pharmacy down. Generic prescriptions usage at 93%, ER usage is down, urgent care up. Majority experience due to large claims, 80% experience currently and would like to see 70%. The 2019-2020 impact of renewal equates to a 4.6% increase for the district and 2.8% increase for the combined employee contribution.

Following the Gehring presentation, budget workshop presentation continued with Chief informing Board that preliminary work has been done and he has overview summary of the main four items. Revenue – up almost \$900,000, Expenditures (including personnel services of 2% increase obligated through District 7 CBA and step increases due) decreased with shutting down EVT and other personnel adjustments, slight increase in Operation Expenses due to under estimation of construction remodel costs, Capital Outlay reduction as we are not looking at purchase of tower this year, just engine which substantially reduced vehicle expense, debt services is reduced and we are continuing to reduce as we do not wish debt and will have zero balance in 2022, expenditure total is \$29,300,992. A brief discussion on reserves occurred with the estimated ‘days’ in reserves quantified by informing that the first 90 days represents the amount needed to fund operations from the beginning of the fiscal period until the tax revenue is realized; and an additional 30 days which represents an emergent fund in case of natural disaster or other catastrophe. Goal is to have no unassigned fund balances. Commissioner Walker would like a brief description that denotes what the fund balance use represents such rolling stock, equipment, etc. Attorney reiterated that no reserve funds can be spent without the authorization of the Board.

South Six PowerPoint was shown and reviewed by Chief. He added that he would appreciate sitting individually with board members to discuss in detail; and reminded that there is another workshop scheduled for next Wednesday and the Tentative Millage and Budget Hearing is on September 4th. Commissioner Louwers would like to attend individual meeting with Chief and CFO Winzenread. Attorney Pringle explained that no decisions can be made at workshops, decisions will be made at the Tentative Hearing.

Commissioner Comments – none

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Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Andersen with second from Commissioner
Barbosa... carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:00 p.m.

Approved by: _____

Print Name: _____