

BURLINGTON FIRE COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

September 8, 2015

The Meeting of the Burlington Fire Commission convened at 0840 hours in Chief Lasker's office with Commissioners Perkinson, McLaughlin, Sweeney, and Vincent present. Also present were Chief S. Lasker, Deputy Chief R. Plante, and Administrative Assistant M. Sweeney.

Meeting End Time

Meeting end time set for 0915 hours by motion of Commissioner Vincent, seconded by Commissioner McLaughlin with all in favor.

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Commissioner Perkinson asked if any changes needed to be made to August Commission Minutes. With no objections or changes minutes were accepted and submitted.

Commission Presentation

Commission Award was presented to Firefighter Robert Petit.

Chief's Oral Report

- Paramedic project has received approval from Vermont Ambulance District 3 Committee as well as preliminary approval from the State of Vermont. On October 1st the department will be able to operate at a Paramedic level. Some members will be doing ride-a-longs with South Burlington before hand.
- A tentative agreement has been reached in the Union negotiations.
- The Fire Alarm Technician is posted as the person who had the position took a different one in the city. He is filling in and helping with the system until the position is filled. Position is posted as a full-time limited-service position.
- The department has received two grants. One is an \$1800 USAR Grant for equipment and the other is a **\$116,845 VComm** grant for portable radios. In the last two years the department has been awarded almost \$500,000 in grant money saving the city that money.
- SCBA air packs have all been installed on the trucks and are in service. The department is currently trying to sell off the old ones. Lincoln Fire Department has purchased some packs and bottles totaling \$11,000 and some bottles have been sold to Malletts Bay Fire Department for \$8,000. The department is hoping to use the money from the sales to upgrade the remaining air packs.
- Capital Improvements at the stations are done. The Capital Vehicle Replacement plan is still with the city awaiting funding.
- The new Mobil Support Unit (1989 E-1 walk-in rescue) is in service and completed. Most of the work outfitting and preparing it was done by department members.
- The previous Airvan was put up for sale by closed bid. Notification was sent out via social media, the city's website, as well as a city wide email. The winning bid was for \$5,001. The minimum bid set was \$500.
- There are now three openings in the department. LT Bruce Kilgore has retired after 20 years of service.

Old or New Business

- Commissioner Perkinson asked about what the department's protocol is for residential inspections. The department doesn't actively inspect residential homes, and is called as a result from a referral from the Code Inspectors. The Fire Marshal's Office does an inspection for a multi-unit time of sale.
- Commissioner Perkinson also asked if Chief Lasker has met the new police chief. Chief Lasker has met Chief del Pozo and meetings have gone well and he looks forward to working with him.
- In preparation for the Awards Banquet one request has been made for consideration from the Merit Board. Commissioners McLaughlin and Sweeney will be representing the Commissioners on the Merit Board. The Awards Banquet is currently scheduled for October 29th.
- Commissioner Perkinson would like to thank Chief Lasker for all of the years of service he has given to the department and all of the work he has done.

Open Session

Nothing at this time.

Executive Session

Pursuant to Title 1, Section 313, of the Vermont Statutes, upon the affirmative vote a majority of the members present, a motion to go into executive session is carried to discuss matters where general public knowledge would place the Department at a substantial disadvantage. The meeting went into executive session at 09:03 by motion from Commissioner Sweeney and seconded by Commissioners McLaughlin. At this time DC Plante and Administrative Assistant M. Sweeney left the room. Commission came out of executive session at 09:18 with note that the matter discussed was personnel issues.

Adjournment

Commissioner McLaughlin maintained motion to adjourn seconded by Commissioner Sweeney at 09:18.