

**Gunnison County Fire Protection District
Minutes
Regular Meeting
December 19, 2024**

I. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by Dennis Spritzer. Meeting was held upstairs in the meeting room at the Fire House.

The following board members were present: Dennis Spritzer, Walt Cranor, Heath Smith.

Board Accountant present: Tom Stoeber

Board Secretary present: Deborah Ferchau

Fire Marshal/Chief present: Hugo Ferchau

Fleet Maintenance Manager present: Tom McDonough

Maintenance Technician present: Tyler Brown

The following firemen were present: Jonathan James, Best Trained, Cal Dobie, Fire Fighter of the Year, Rod Bergman, Lieutenant.

Others: Kendall Burgemeister, County Attorney and Ben Cowan, City Finance Director

II. Minutes:

The minutes from the November 21, 2024 public hearing and regular meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Cranor and seconded by Smith to approve the November 21, 2024 public hearing and regular meeting minutes with typos corrected. Motion passed unanimously. Spritzer voting for quorum.

III. Financial Report:

Stoeber handed out the financial report through November, 2024. Stoeber advised the Board that revenue has increased by \$407,000. The check to City for the life insurance true up in the amount of \$4,000 will be given to Ben Cowan tonight. A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Cranor to approve the financial report. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Bills:

Stoeber handed out the bills packet. The bills were reviewed and approved. H. Ferchau would like to add a bill from CSU Wellness program for the last four fire department members that went for their checkups in the amount of \$2,800.00. A motion was made by Cranor and seconded by Smith to approve payment of the bills including the CSU Wellness program bill. Motion passed unanimously. No transfer needed.

V. Correspondence:

None.

VI. Old Business:

- A. **District/City IGA:** The City has signed the final IGA. A motion was made by Cranor and seconded by Smith to approve the IGA and have Spritzer sign the document. Motion passed unanimously. Document signed and attested.
- B. **Election – Mil Levy Increase/New Station (November, 2025):** H. Ferchau stated they are starting to work on an IGA for the building of the station. They want to sign a contract in February with the chosen builder. Kendall stated that doesn't really understand the need for an IGA at this point. H. Ferchau commented that this contract has phases, it is called a progressive design build, one contract, they design the building in three phases to design and build. Kendall commented that if the City is signing the contract, he still does not understand the need for this IGA before the City signs the contract for the building. H. Ferchau further commented that the District is paying for a portion and the City will pay for a portion. Kendall stated that it is very vague at this point and not legally binding. Kendall further commented that as long as it is not binding to the District he is ok with doing it at this point. H. Ferchau advised that they have narrowed down the contractor list to three (3) companies. These companies have been shown the current fire station and property, apparatus, and discussed the need of a wash bay, training room, etc.. Spritzer asked if Matthew Birnie is still on board with the County giving the back lots to the fire department. H. Ferchau advised the Board that Amanda, City Manager has a meeting soon with Matthew and will discuss this in further detail.

VII. Fire Marshal's/Chief's Report:

- A. H. Ferchau reported that the total call volume in 2024 was similar to last year.
- B. H. Ferchau advised the Board that they have 6 in-actives fire fighters training right now.

VIII. Fleet Maintenance Manager's Report:

- A. McDonough advised the Board that Chevy Chase has been taken out of service and is ready to be removed from the fleet. He reminded the Board that this truck has a salvage title only and he would like to sell it via a silent auction with no reserve. Spritzer asked what is it worth. McDonough commented that it is completely depreciated and is worth what someone is willing to pay for it. It can be insured but not full coverage. They will advertise, starting 1/2/25 for 10 days. Cowan commented for further sales that the City uses GovDeals. Board consensus is to sell Chevy Chase as they see fit.
- B. McDonough further advised the Board that the old Rescue 21 also needs to be sold. It is not a good fit for any of the outlying departments, as the 6 liter is too complex. McDonough suggested a reserve of \$15,000. The sooner the better.
- C. McDonough advised that Tender 25 is online.
- D. McDonough reported that the new Officer trucks are in. He advised the Board they are thinking about leaving the trucks black, which would save \$17,000 on those three trucks. Decals and light will be put on each truck. Spritzer stated that as long as the decals and lights make them look like an emergency vehicle he is ok with not putting the red paint on them.

IX. New Business:

A. None

X. Unscheduled Business:

A. None

XI. Adjourn:

A motion was made by Cranor to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.