

## **MEETING OF THE WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO. 200**

Board of Commissioners of **The WALLER-HARRIS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT NO 200**. Was held on **Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** at the **District office located at 40644 US Business Highway 290, Waller, TX 77484.**

In attendance were: Commissioners: Tommy Davis, Gary Ferguson, Tommy Albert and Darwin Hargrave; Providers: City of Waller, Pattison Area VFD, Prairie View VFD, Rolling Hills VFD, Tri-County FD and Waller EMS; Gundersons Bookkeeping, the District Bookkeeper; and Mr. Weinman, ESD Director.

- 1. Call Meeting to order, pledge of allegiance, and invocation.** The Meeting was called to order at: 7:01 p.m. by *Mr. Tommy Davis*. Pledge of allegiance and invocation were led by *Mr. Albert*.
- 2. To receive public comment, including vendors and service providers.** No Action.
- 3. To review and take action on approval of minutes of prior meetings.** No Action.
- 4. To receive a report from the Waller County Fire Chief's Association.** No Action.
- 5. To address financial matters including report from the District Treasurer and bookkeeper, pay bills, investment policy and depository pledge agreements.** *Mr. Albert* made a motion to pay for the approved generator from JM Mechanical for \$10,000.00 *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.
- 6. To review and take action to pay operations funding pursuant to budgets and service agreements with the District contracted emergency service providers (Departments).** No Action.
- 7. To review and take action on revisions to District and/or Department budgets.** No Action.
- 8. To review and take action regarding interlocal agreements with municipalities for the provision of emergency services.** No Action.
- 9. To review and take action on emergency services provider agreements.** No Action.
- 10. To receive a report from the District Emergency Services Director.** *Mr. Weinman* stated that we are just waiting on the title for the 87' Ford to send surplus to auction.
- 11. To review and take any action necessary on real estate, including but not limited to purchase, sale, encumbrances, platting and acquisition financing.** No Action.
- 12. To review and take action on construction of District Fire Stations, including but not limited to construction, payments, selection of architects or engineers and selection of contractors.** *Mr. Weinman* stated the survey has been done for the Prairie View property and it is now being replatted.

For the Mallard Crossing property the paperwork is at Harris County. It has already been approved by the City of Houston.

Mr. Weinman stated he met with Dale Fluckenger at the Katy property in regards to the tank up in front. Mr. Fluckenger recommends to leave it put, but dig around it and cut it then cover it with a concrete pad then place a manhole cover over it. The cost to move the pipe would run approximately \$7,500.00 and it will need to have permits. Mr. Weinman stated he did call Mr. Jones for a second quote but has not heard back from him as of yet.

Mr. Weinman stated he spoke with Centerpoint and the closest Natural Gas connections is at the intersection and the cost to run a connection would be approximately \$9,000.00 to \$10,000.00. *Mr. Albert* made a motion to do whatever it takes to get the gas line in. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Weinman stated he would like to remind the board that the Katy property needs to get replatted so it won't need to be done later. *Mr. Albert* made a motion to get the Katy property replatted. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion. *Mr. Ferguson* questioned if we knew what improvements we need to have done? Mr. Weinman stated that would be a Richard question. Mr. Weinman stated Richard with Hodde & Hodde told him once its platted as a reserve fire station the property would not have to be replatted again as long as it was not going to change what the property was going to be used for. Mr. Weinman stated the property currently has two addresses on it. *Mr. Davis* asked Mr. Weinman to check with Richard because we don't want to have to get the property replatted again. *Mr. Albert* stated he would like to vote the previous motion down till next meeting to get more information. All in Favor: None. All Against: 4, Motion died.

**13. To review and take action to approve capital acquisitions and appropriate funding thereof, including action on acquisition financing.** Mr. Weinman stated Pattison Area VFD is in need of more foam. Rolling Hills VFD has already sent 15 gallons to Pattison. The cost of each 5 gallon pail is \$65.00. *Mr. Davis* stated if Mr. Weinman can pick up some pails to use the Credit Card for payment.

**14. To review and take action on any and all matters related to paid personnel employed by District service providers.** *Mr. Albert* stated that Bo Hashaw gave us numbers on what it would take to staff the Katy Station. The cost for the year would be approximately \$427,000.00 or \$35,000.00 a month for a fifth ambulance. Mr. Hashaw stated that the revenue will increase along with the growth of the area. Medic 50 is going to Brookshire and the ambulance in Katy will cover the territory well. Mr. Hashaw stated he would like to have an additional supervisor for the Katy station. He would also like to see the ambulance and squad on the south end of the county. Mr. Weinman stated he spoke with Rhonda about Fire Fighters riding in the ambulance. Rhonda told Mr. Weinman that they can use them but they would need on the job training.

Mr. Weinman stated the Firetrucks come in in about 60 days and the Ambulance in 30 days. Mr. Weinman stated he spoke to Rhonda and we could have a ambulance ready & hired staff within 90 days.

*Mr. Albert* stated it would benefit the citizens now to approve ambulance funding. He also stated that he thinks there needs to be a paid station down there. He spoke to the County Judge and the judge said how are you going to get volunteers down there? The Judge doesn't think volunteers will come. Chief Gene Schmidt stated he thinks we should get paid staff there first. It will need to be established before volunteers will come.

Mr. Weinman was asked to get with Mr. Peeler's office to see about getting money back from The City of Katy on annex.

*Mr. Albert* made a motion to start the hiring process for four people 24 hours a day for the Katy Station. Also to adjust the Waller EMS budget to add \$250,000.00 for the rest of the year for hired staff and the addition of an ambulance for the south end of Waller County. *Mr. Ferguson* questioned if we are going to work on paid staff and EMS what are we going to do with them right now the station isn't ready yet. *Mr. Davis* stated that it will be up to 90 days to get more hired people, we can't just hire anyone due to a deadline. *Mr. Davis* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

Mr. Albert stated he missed the Cadet Graduation due to being out of town at the time. Mr. Bordeaux stated that the Graduation had to be postponed due to the program having to be extended to meet state requirements. The cut off to meet the requirements is June 12<sup>th</sup> then we can proceed with the Graduation. Mr. Davis questioned what was missing? Mr. Bordeaux stated there was studied material that needed to be submitted to him. He wants everything in order in case of an audit.

**15. To meet in Executive Session pursuant to Government Code Sections 551.072, 551.074 and 551.071 to discuss District real estate, personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel.**

No Action

**16. Adjournment.** *Mr. Albert* made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 PM. *Mr. Hargrave* seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 0.

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Tommy Albert, Secretary/Treasurer