BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
2120 N WILBUR RD, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA 99206
SEPTEMBER 25, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:
Commissioner Burch called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
Commissioner Kester led the Board and those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:
All Fire Commissioners were in attendance with the exception of Commissioner Asmus. Commissioner Anderson moved to excuse Commissioner Asmus’ absence. Commissioner Guarisco seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Other attending the meeting were Fire Chief Frank Soto, Jr., Deputy Chief Zack Bond, Community Affairs Director Julie Happy, Media Manager Patrick Erickson, Multimedia Specialist Dakota Sinchak, I.T. Director Joseph Yacker, Division Chief Jeff Bordwell, Local 876 Union President Captain Ben James, Civil Service Commissioners Brittany Webster and Joe Mann, and Trish Andersen (recorder).

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
1. Civil Service Commissioner Oath

Commissioner Burch administered Civil Service Commissioner Joe Mann’s Oath of Office.

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

CONSENT AGENDA:
The Consent Agenda consists of items considered routine which are approved by a single motion. A Board Member may remove any item from the Consent Agenda to be considered separately.

1. Approval of Minutes for Meeting of September 11, 2023.

2. Approval of Vouchers processed 09/13/2023 with 15 Vouchers in the amount of $30,304.09 and 14 EFTs in the amount of $110,401.09.
Commissioner Burch called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. It was so moved by Commissioner Guarisco and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
None.

NEW BUSINESS:
None.

FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT:
None.

LOCALS 876 & 3701 REMARKS:
None.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:
Commissioner Anderson reported that he met with Division Chief Bordwell for a facilities/apparatus meeting. Receipt of new apparatus is expected soon, and Deputy Chief Tom Hatley is providing pictures online of progress on the new Engine 8.

Commissioner Kester congratulated everyone involved in Valleyfest citing the great attendance.

Commissioner Guarisco stated that he and Commissioner Burch had an opportunity to fly over the locations of the two recent wildfires. He thanked the helicopter crew that made this possible and stated that he had posted photos online. While the comments associated with the photos have brought the devastation to light, they have also resulted in an outpouring of support for the victims. He then thanked everyone involved with the recent 9/11 memorial at the Spokane Interstate Fair.

Commissioner Burch thanked Commissioner Kester for his assistance with the Kiwanis fishing program at Valleyfest. He read a comment received from one of the coordinators thanking Commissioner Kester and reporting that approximately 600 trout were received and given to Union Gospel Mission to feed the homeless. He also thanked all crews that participated in Valleyfest.

ANNOUNCEMENT:
Recruit Class 2023-2 graduation will take place September 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., at CenterPlace Event Center (2426 N. Discovery Place).
SVFD Open House will take place September 30, 2023, from 10:00 am. – 2:00 p.m. at the SVFD Training Center (2411 N. Pioneer Lane).
The next regular meeting is Monday, October 9, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Administration Building (2120 N. Wilbur Road).

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Burch called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was so moved by Commissioner Guarisco and seconded by Commissioner Anderson. The motion carried unanimously, and Commissioner Burch adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Patrick Burch
Patrick Burch, Board Chair
Board of Fire Commissioners