

## Wasatch County Fire Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday March 12, 2024

Meeting held at the Wasatch County Administration Building located at 25 N Main, Heber City.

### Those in Attendance:

Luke Searle  
Erik Rowland  
Kendall Crittenden  
Karl McMillan  
Mark Nelson  
Chief Eric Hales  
Dustin Grabau  
Chief Jason Provost  
Chief Clair Provost  
Fire Warden Troy Morgan  
Kierstan Smith

Councilman Crittenden: Welcome to the Wasatch Fire District Board meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30.

Those present are: myself, Kendell Councilman Crittenden, Karl Councilman McMillan, Mark Councilman Nelson and then Erik Councilman Rowland and Luke Councilman Searle are online via zoom. We excuse Steve Farrell and Spencer Park who are in another meeting. Our first item on the agenda is the minutes from our February 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**A motion was made by Councilman Nelson to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMillan and the motion passed all in favor.**

Councilman Crittenden: Next item is the warrants in the amount of \$1,142,846.74. Any questions on the warrants from the board?

Councilman Nelson: Besides the big check to Big-D Const. for the fire station, anything...

Councilman Crittenden: You told us those big checks would be coming out.

Chief Hales: Those will be continuing to come, we are spending a little over half a million every month on that construction and we will be giving an update on that in a minute but those checks will continue to come through.

Councilman Crittenden: Okay, any other questions? Any questions from you guys online?

Councilman Searle: No.

Councilman Rowland: No.

Councilman Crittenden: Okay, then we will now accept a motion for approval on those.

**A motion was made by Councilman McMillan to approve the warrants in the amount of \$1,142,846.74. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson and the motion passed all in favor.**

Councilman Crittenden: Okay, Chief Hales report.

#### Chief Hales report

Chief Hales: Good afternoon, just as you see-our monthly update with our calls, we did have a fairly significant fire in the Soldier Creek area, Assistant Chief Jason Provost was out there. It is one of those cabin areas that are inaccessible in the winter with our fire apparatus, so it was a total loss. We did have several of our folks out to training in Wendover with Utah Fire Marshall Association- all the arson and fire investigators were out there as well, and they actually left there meeting early to try to investigate this fire and is currently under investigation. It was an unoccupied structure so there were no injuries to any civilians or fire fighters but again it was a total loss out there. This month we also performed some extrication training.

But most notably, we are starting to go vertical with our fire station. If you drive by on 1200 South, you can see the CMU walls of the apparatus bay being erected and as of today, at least the exterior wall to the East is at its full height and completed that way. Starting on Thursday, we will be getting the framing crew in there and you will begin to see framing and going vertical on the actual fire station; living quarters, administrative offices, and community center so that is exciting.

Councilman Crittenden: You said for the floor of the apparatus, you'd need it warmer...

Chief Hales: Yes, we are going to hold off. the slab on grade that is visible now, is everything that is going to be covered with some type of flooring. And then they will wait until the weather conditions are better to do the actual apparatus bay that will be epoxy and exposed cement as well as the area where we will keep our old mac apparatus, kind of the museum area in the front. So those will be forth coming.

A little update on our Station 56 project, I will give you are little update on where we are with the direction you gave me last month, with going with our membrane structure. We did go into a contract with Alaska Structures on this membrane structures, which you can see some pictures of where our trailer is, just on the East side of Jordanelle Reservoir. As well as some renditions of what the structure will look like, it is a 20x40 and about 24ft high. It kind of that green structure, ours will actually be gray though, since they actually don't make the structure we are getting in green. Then there is a small rendition with the trailer, in the Hideout area.

Councilman Crittenden: It'll be right there next to the trailer?

Chief Hales: It will be. It'll probably be about 20 ft away from the trailer on the dirt pad. As we discussed last month, you gave me direction of a \$75,000 price, and going back and forth with them, we did run into an issue. The structure that they are building, was built to a snow load of about 96lbs per square foot. The trailer that we purchased has a snow load of 116lbs per square foot so what we tried to do-if this ever ended up in the Strawberry area, it requires that 116lbs per square foot so we did increase the snow rating for the structure to about 116lbs per square foot. In doing so, it increased the price from that \$75,000 ballpark that we were looking at for that structure, to \$88,000. I did talk to Steve Farrell before we moved forward with that, just to get his take, to see if I needed to get back with the rest of the board and he said to move forward. With that, obviously, if it was significantly more, we would have had a larger discussion today but we did go forward with that. The cost of the structure at only \$88,000.

Councilman Nelson: This drawing of the size of the structure, is it 40ft long?

Chief Hales: Yes, it is 40ft long; 20ft wide; and about 24ft high. That was in order to get the increased snow load as well as getting that door height.

Councilman Crittenden: And this motor, does it have air to keep it inflated with the steel membrane holding it up?

Chief Hales: Well, what they are showing right there is an external heater, but we are actually going to go with mounted radiant tube heaters, so we won't have that external piece. It is a great option if we were going to be moving this quite often, but we don't want something that temporary for this structure to heat it. So we will be doing some radiant tubing to heat it so that is one change on that rendition that we made.

Councilman Crittenden: So when you take it down and maybe store it, until you need it somewhere else- these steel structures come apart in sections?

Chief Hales: Yes, they come apart. And we can reassemble them somewhere else.

Councilman Nelson: I saw a railroad in California that had two of these stuck together and it made a paint booth out of it for railcars.

Chief Hales: They are quite handy. We are already in talks with the developers of Jordanelle Ridge off of Hwy 32 to relocate this when the time comes.

Councilman Nelson: Can I go back and ask about the fire out in Strawberry?

Chief Hales: Sure.

Councilman Nelson: Where was it? Was it one of those over by Solider Creek?

Jason Provost: From the structure itself you can see soldier creek. Its in strawberry view estates.

Councilman Nelson: Oh okay, so one of those.

Councilman Crittenden: Was anyone there when it caught fire? Was it a wood stove or something electrical?

Jason Provost: It's still under investigation the state fire marshals office has been out to look at it.

Councilman Nelson: But it happened during the day or at least found out about it during the day?

Chief Hales: Yeah, a passer-by saw it.

Councilman Crittenden: Nothing close out there by it to pose risk to other homes?

Chief Hales: No, they had a second structure about, what 40 ft or so. Obviously if you had a wind driven fire, you could have had more exposure to that other structure.

But that is kind of our update. That membrane structure is on order as of last week and is 5 weeks out for production. So we hope to see it, at least arrived by our next board meeting or about the 1<sup>st</sup> of May is what we are looking at. We will be putting a cement pad, just so it is not sitting on gravel because it will be sitting there for a couple of years. And I think it will be a little bit better for the structure.

Do you have any questions for me?

Councilman Crittenden: Board, any questions?

Councilman Rowland: No, I'm good.

Councilman McMillan: I'm happy to see when I drive down 1200 S, blocks standing up.

Chief Hales: Us too, we have spent a lot of money for a lot of stuff underground and now we are starting to see it.

Councilman Crittenden: I will need to stop sometime and go through the gate to see it.

Chief Hales: After we get a lot of the block done and the framing, anytime you want to visit there- we can do a site tour.

Councilman Crittenden: Okay, this Resolution 24-01 Public Entity Resolution, that is to authorize Callie for Kristen. Yes, we made that administrative change with Kristen, so we do need to get Callie to assist with the transfer of funds.

Councilman Crittenden: And Steve is on there, so as we just approve it, you'll just need to get Steve to sign?

Chief Hales: Yes.

Councilman Crittenden: Board, any questions on this?

Councilman Nelson: No.

**A motion was made by Councilman McMillan to approve Resolution 24-01. The motion was seconded by Councilman Nelson. The motion passed all in favor.**

Councilman Crittenden: Anything else?

Chief Hales: I don't have anything else.

**A motion was made by Councilman Nelson to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman McMillan. The motion passed all in favor.**

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