UNIFIED FIRE SERVICE AREA
Special Board Meeting Minutes

This meeting held at UFA Headquarters and electronically via ZOOM

Board Members Present

Council Member Allan Perry
Council Member Trish Hull
Mayor Dan Knopp
Surveyor Reid Demman
Council Member Kathleen Bailey
Council Member Catherine Harris
Mayor Jeff Silvestrini
Council Member Chrystal Butterfield
Mayor Kristie Overson
Mayor Marcus Stevenson
Mayor Tom Westmoreland

Board Members Absent

Council Member Sheldon Stewart
Mayor Roger Bourke

Staff

Tony Hill, UFA CFO
Chief Dominic Burchett
Cyndee Young, UFSA Clerk
Rachel Anderson, UFSA Legal Counsel/District Administrator

Guests

AC Pilgrim
AC Robinson
AC Dern
AC Robinson
Andrew King, Public
Anthony Widdison
Arnold Engstrum, Public
Ben Porter
Brad Larson
Courtney Samuel
Debbie Cigarroa
Embret Fossum
Kelly Bird
Nile Easton
Nyla Willoughby
Sandra VonFoller, Public
Steve Roper, Public
Tua Tho
Wade Russell

Vice Chair Trish Hull Presided

Called to Order

Vice Chair Hull called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Quorum present.

Presentation: UFSA Tax Increase Proposal – District Administrator Anderson/Chief Burchett/CFO Hill

A PowerPoint slideshow explaining the reason for the tax increase was presented. This presentation has also been given, as required by the Truth in Taxation Process, to all councils within the UFSA response area. The Fund Balance was defined and an explanation as to the importance of it's maintenance and minimum balance was provided. Chief Burchett discussed the cost factors that have impacted the Department and the needs necessary to continue providing the level of service expected.

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Capital replacement and improvements, population growth, and increases in call volume have also impacted the need for a tax increase. The 12% increase will result in $4.14 per taxpayer monthly, just under $50.00 per year.

Public Hearing

Vice Chair Hull explained the public hearing process and that the decision will be made at the December 12, 2023 UFSA Board Meeting at 8:30 a.m.
Public comment was made available live and with a posted email address.
Mayor Stevenson moved to open the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on a one-time tax levy for approved judgement levies and the proposed 2024 tax increase.
Mayor Overson seconded the motion.
Roll call vote taken.

Bailey	Y	Overson	Y
Bourke	-	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	Y
Demman	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	-
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	-
Knopp	-		

Steve Roper, Millcreek
Mr. Roper addressed the Board and explained how the social security COLA last year was 8.7% but that there are a lot of demands on that increase. He explained that we have an obligation to keep prices and costs down and feels running multiple trucks to incidents and to the grocery is wasteful. The demands for those on fixed incomes gets to the point where we need to sell our homes.

Sandra VonFoller, SLC
Ms. VonFoller wants to know how this will function in society and that she is afraid where this will really go and how to budget so it helps taxpayers stay on track. She has paid a lot into the system, but what is coming to her is not enough to support these increases. She does a lot in society and wants to support people for peace and security. She asked that we keep in touch and when possible, to cut corners, please do so. She sees 6 fire trucks come to her neighborhood often for health problems, but 6 trucks for 1 resident could have been taken care of in a better way. These things add up and bringing all trucks to one area, there are corners that should be looked at. She appreciates all we do.

Mayor Overson moved to close the Public Hearing to receive and consider comments on a one-time tax levy for approved judgement levies and the proposed 2024 tax increase.
Council Member Perry seconded the motion.
Roll call vote taken.

Bailey	-	Overson	Y
Bourke	-	Perry	Y
Butterfield	Y	Silvestrini	-
Demman	Y	Stevenson	Y
Harris	Y	Stewart	-
Hull	Y	Westmoreland	Y
Knopp	Y		

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Motion to Adjourn

Council Member Perry moved to adjourn the December 5, 2023 UFSA Special Board Meeting.
Mayor Knopp seconded the motion.
All voted in favor, none opposed.

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