

Wasatch County Fire Board of Directors Meeting

November 8th, 2022

Meeting held at the Wasatch County Senior Center

Those in Attendance:

Spencer Parks

Danny Goode

Steve Farrell

Mark Nelson – arrived late

Kendall Crittenden

Marilyn Crittenden

Jeff Wade- Absent

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost

EMS Battalion Chief Provost

Chief Hales

Fire Warden Morgan

Dustin Grabau

Kiersten Smith

Kristen Richardson

Mike Davis

Merry Duggin

Minutes

Councilman Farrell: Welcome to the Wasatch County Fire District Meeting for November 8th, the time is 3:40. And this is the fire board with the exception on Jeff Wade and Mark Neilson.

Councilman Crittenden: Mark was hoping to be here by 4:00

Councilman Farrell: We would like to welcome the Advisory Commission members, and we will start with the approval of the minutes from October 11th. Has everyone had a chance to approve the minutes?

A motion was made by Councilman Crittenden to approve the October 11th minutes. It was Seconded by Councilman Parks. Passed all in Favor.

Warrants

Councilman Farrell: We have warrants in the amount of 739,753.01. Any questions on the Warrants? Jason, or Kristen if anything stands out that we should address?

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: The two vehicles that we purchased, that we talked about last meeting are on there, and so those brought that number up a little bit.

Kristen Richardson: There was the purchase using the ARPA funds as well.

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost : The Wild land truck

Councilman Crittenden: And you'll report that later, did you get much interest on the ones out front for sale?

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: We will be opening the bids today.

Councilman Crittenden: Oh, awesome.

Councilman Farrel: Is Eric Live?

County IT: Yes he is, he is muted. Or at least last time I checked. He's muted.

Chief Hales: I'm here, can you hear me?

County IT: Yes, we can hear you.

Councilman Farrell: Okay, um we need to make a motion.

A motion was made by Councilman Parks to approve the warrants as stated. It was seconded by Councilwoman Crittenden. It passed with all in favor.

Chief's Report

Councilman Farrell: We have Policies.

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: These are the ones that we talked about two meetings ago, and last meeting that needed to be on the agenda. I don't know if Eric wants to talk about this

Chief Hales: Yeah, these were introduced to you in September and they should have been on the last meeting for approval. They have gone through the advisory commission and so basically these are being presented to you for adoption.

Councilman Farrell: Okay

Councilman Crittenden: Do we need to do it, and look though them, do we need to do it one at a time or can we do it as a group. Do we need to do it one at a time by name? I guess we could just do the numbers.

Kristen: I don't want to do it by number because it will be in the policy order and change the number.

Councilman Crittenden: So do it by number?

Kiersten Smith: No, do not

Councilman Crittenden: Oh, okay.

Councilman Ferrell: This would be a good motion?

A motion was made to approve the personnel policies as presented by Councilman Crittenden. It was seconded by Councilman Parks. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Ferrell: And that should take us down to opening and awarding the surplus apparatus bids.

Kristen: We are going to just open all of the one vehicle at once.

Councilman Farrell: We have a big by Toby Graham for the 1996 Freightliner wants to bid at \$15,000.

Councilman Crittenden: Do we have a minimum set on any of these?

Chief Hales: We did not set minimums on any of them.

Councilman Ferrell: Rick Mecham 1996 Freightliner \$12,552. Ryland Garff on the freightliner \$6,500. So Toby Graham is the high bidder on that?

Councilman Crittenden: His was at 15,000 even wasn't it?

Councilman Farrell: Chief Provost Is there any reason we shouldn't go with this bid? Did you have a value in mind?

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: We did do some prechecks, just to see on sales that other departments were doing and that is above some of the sales that were going from other departments.

Councilman Farrell: We are going to award the bid to Toby Graham for the 1996 Freightliner for

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crittenden to award the bid to Toby Graham for \$15,000. It was seconded by Councilman Kendall. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Crittenden: Now whoever buys that, do they have to come haul it off? Or how do we do that?

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: They just have to come pick up.

Councilman Ferrell: This is the Ambulance Box. My name is Kelly Muyoh and I would like to bid \$200. We only have 2 bids for the item. The second bid is from Oria Burningham and it's a bid for \$500. We would like to use this as a training aid for our EMT and AEMT classes that we do every year at Garland Fire Department. We only have the two?

A motion was made by Councilman Parks to award the bid to Oria Burningham for \$500. It was seconded by Councilman Goode. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Farrell: This is for the 87 Chevrolet, and it's a pickup, right?

Kristen: So now that we are on this one, I have a couple people that have put in multiple. Do you want to open these and then I can just fill out what they have?

Councilman Farrell: Yes, I'm good with that.

Councilman Crittenden: They did multiple things on one bid?

Kristen: Yeah

Councilman Farrell: I have a bid here for Chaz Ray on the 87 Chev for \$4,350 on the 1987 chevy.

Mark Luke for the 87 Chevrolet \$3,511.

Councilman Crittenden: The first one was very close.

Councilman Ferrell: Shane Higgs Bid 2,210.01. 3,000. Is this Kaden O'Driscoll? He bid \$3,000. We have \$7,551 for Jeff Winterton. Pete Cook bid \$1,051.

Councilman Ferrell: Keldon Birch \$6,100 for the 1987 Chevrolet.

Kristen: So, we have a bid here on the Chevy from David Triggs that's \$8,254. Then this one is for the Chevy and its \$3,523 for Blake Allen. Then this one has one for \$5,151 for Ben Fitzgerald. I have \$8,254 as the highest bid.

Councilman Farrel: I agree with David Triggs.

A motion was made by Councilman Crittenden to award the bid to David Triggs for \$8,254 for the 1987 Chevrolet. It was seconded by Councilman Parks. It passed with all in favor.

Kristen: So, he had a bid on the freightliner as well, which we already awarded, and his bid was for \$17,251 so that would change that one.

Councilman Ferrel: For the freightliner?

Kristen: That was the first one we did, that we awarded for \$15,000.

Councilwoman Crittenden: So we need to go back again.

Councilman Farrell: Yes, I think we can. We need to go back and modify our motion on the freightliner.

Councilman Crittenden: For who? David Triggs?

Councilman Farrell: For \$17,251

Councilman Crittenden: Who made the original motion?

Kristen: Marilyn and it was second by Kendall.

Councilman Farrell: Will you modify your motion?

Councilman Crittenden: And I'll second it.

A modified motion was made by Councilwoman Crittenden to award the bid to David Triggs for \$17,251. It was seconded by Councilman Kendall. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Crittenden: Was there any duplicates on the box?

Kristen: No... Yes, I apologize, there was. \$551.

Councilman Crittenden: And what did we award it?

Kristen: \$500.

Councilman Crittenden: So the box has changed too, by 51 dollars.

Kristen: Its for Blake Allen.

Councilman Crittenden: And we gave it to the Fire Department in Garland.

Councilman Parks: Id be okay to leave that one. I made that motion, id be okay to leave it there just because of the public benefit.

Councilman Farrell: We cant, it has to go to the highest bid. And we didn't specify what they could use it for.

Councilman Crittenden: Do you want to redo your motion?

Kristen: It was made by Spencer and seconded by Goode.

Councilman Parks: What was the last bid and what's the new one?

Kristen: The last bid was for \$500 and he bid \$551.

A modified motion was made by Councilman Parks to award the bid for the Ambulance Box to Blake Allen for \$551. It was seconded by Councilman Goode. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Crittenden: Was there only 3?

Kristen: Yeah... Oh no. I'm sorry I'm not doing very good today. This one that was on all of these, we have bids on the Ford FMC and we have one from Ben Fitzgerald for \$501. We have another one from Blake Allen for \$3,235

Councilman Farrell: What one are we bidding on now?

Kristen: The Ford FMC. Its an old fire truck.

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: Its an old pumper.

Councilman Farrel: Your down to what?

Kristen: \$3,235.

Councilman Crittenden: For Blake Allen?

Councilman Farrell: Is that all the bids for that?

Kristen: Yes.

Councilman Farrel: Okay, we should award the bid for the pumper truck to Blake Allen for \$3,235.

A motion was made by Councilman Crittenden to award the bid for the Ford FMC to Blake Allen for \$3,235. It was seconded by Councilman Parks. It passed with all in favor.

Kristen: Okay, now the final vehicle is a 1974 LaFrance and we have a bid by Ben Fitzgerald on that one for \$251. And we have one for Blake Allen for \$2,113.

Councilman Crittenden: A LaFrance?

Assistant Deputy Chief Provost: A 1974 engine, an old pumper.

Councilman Parks: It might be worth more then \$2,000 if its from 1974?

Councilman Farrell: Okay so Blake Allen is our high bidder on that one?

A motion was made by Councilman Parks to award the bid for the LaFrance to Blake Allen for \$2,113. It was seconded by Councilwoman Crittenden. It passed with all in favor.

Kristen: We are done then.

Councilman Crittenden: In the future, if you prepared a bid form that they could fill out so you didn't get these odd bits of paper. You know, like what it is.

Councilman Farrell: We should probably require a separate bid for each item.

Councilman Crittenden: I mean just a little quarter sheet, it wouldn't have to be big.

Councilman Farrell: Okay, Id like to move right along to have a closed session here. So, lets go over the budget.

Kiersten Smith: What would you like to go over?

Councilman Farrell: It can be anything you want.

Kiersten Smith: We will make this quick and easy then because you've got things to do. I am going to merge your quarter financial goal and budget. So you have your quarter financials, I'm not going to go through the notes that I talk about there, but I have highlighted a few things that we will be amending in the 2022 budget, and that will be on your 2022 budget sheet. So, in the general fund, we are amending the property taxes so its going to go up about \$400,000 from our original budget and this is the latest estimate we have received which is why we are increasing it. This has to do with the property in the area. So when it was originally budgeted in 2022 we were just kind of estimating off of the prior year and we will do the same thing in 2023. Because we don't know, even though there is going to be a steady increase most likely in 2023 , or 2024 we don't know how its going to then adjust that so going forward you will see that. So we will have some increases there, and some increases with prior delinquent taxes. The port of industry, income has been going up significantly because of what's going

on with interest rates, so you'll see an increase there in our budget. You'll see an increase in Ambulance revenue, because we budget conservatively you just don't know what you are going to get. I mean we prefer to budget conservatively, but that will go up from the 2022 budget. There will be some slight increases with wildland fire reimbursements and inspection revenue and that is going up significantly because of the growth in the area. Once again, we budget conservatively because we just don't know what's going to happen. What developer is going to choose what to do and when, so its just kind of an estimate. So you will see those go up in you 2022 amended budgets.

Councilman Crittenden: Well you were way conservative on that, it was 592,000 in 2021 and you guys spent 200,000?

Kiersten Smith: Right, really conservative, and part of that too is that now you have money to come in a pay therapy. A few of those things go up on the expense side of things some of the bigger changes will be: our training has gone down a little bit and it will go back up in 2023 when we can get more of that training that we are planning on having staff do. Legal fees have gone up, not a big dollar amount, but you will see an increase there. Liability insurance which you will see across the board because of the inflation it is affecting interest rates so you are going to see that go up and that's a bigger one that's going to go up. Equipment repairs and maintenance you'll also see this go up, and its more of having a lot of, we had a lot of work done this year on getting older equipment kind of redone and getting them working really well so that's higher then we had initially anticipated. Then of course Capital outlay, and a lot of this Capital Outlay you'll see has to do with the architects for the new Fire Station for Heber. On the capital project funds we budget conservatively, so we budgeted for 1 million in impact fees and we seem to be over our current budget, we anticipate that we will be around 1.8 by the end of the year. So those are kind of your big span from 2022, then going into 2023 we are keeping the property taxes about the same as 2022 we doing know how its all going to play in and what the state will do. We are going to budget a little bit conservative for the ambulance revenue we are set at 1.6 and we are expecting to end at 1.8 this year. So, not as big of a drop as we have had earlier in the year, but still conservative. We are also going to be a little conservative on inspection revenue again we are budgeting 550 we are estimating we are going to end up this year around 95, so same, lower but being conservative. A new item you'll see on there toward the bottom is that 14.2 million for the debt proceed from CIB. We expect that, that will be funded in 2023 so we will have it in the 2023 budget not the 2022. Right below that

Councilman Farrell: We don't have to start paying that back, until a year after the building is complete?

Kiersten Smith: Right, and so this is the revenue coming in, but the expense side wont be done yet.

County Manager Dustin Grabau : I think 2024 is the schedule I saw, you wont have to make a payment in 2023?

Chief Hales: Interest will start to accrue in 2023.

Councilman Farrell: Okay, but you wont have to start paying them back until 2024 when its in use.

Kiersten Smith: My next item on there will be the contribution with the TRT tax, and then the only other thing on for the General fund should be 510,000 which is just a transfer over from the Capital Private fund to cover the expansion cost of the culvert and so that go transferred in. On the expense side we have the cost for staff, additional training for paramedic, and then on the other side of things you see if

you kind of remember staying pretty consistent until you get done in your capital outlay then you start seeing large numbers there because of the construction, mostly from the construction of the new station. Other than that there's some equipment, the culvert, but nothing big. On the Capital Project side they were conservative, so we are budgeting 1.5 for impact fees and then 8 million will be coming in for contribution from fund balance. We have to record the 14 million coming in on the CIB loan, but we aren't going to spend it all in one year so we will transfer that to the capital projects fund until we need it to finish the construction. Quick and easy... do you guys have any questions?

Councilman Farrell: Don't we have to submit requests for the payment on the CIB loan as we get invoiced?

Chief Hales: I believe they are giving us the lump sum, but that's something we are going to work out actually next month when we do preliminary resolution, for the bond resolution.

Councilman Farrell: Okay.

Kiersten Smith: Anything else? Well we just got a hearing for December, a public hearing.

County Manager Grabau: So Mark, we had a discussion on Monday about the TRT portion of this, and I don't know if you want to talk about this now or later?

Councilman Nelson: I think now is a good time. I was trying to see where's that line item on this sheet?

Kiersten Smith: Right above the double lane then right above the 5.

Chief Hales: We made some assumptions on that, obviously.

Councilman Nelson: So, we had the meeting yesterday. So we met yesterday and talked about that, and for those of you who may not be familiar so the function for the tax board, or the tax advisory board they look at the TRT and can make recommendations to the council about how it should be allocated. We have been trying over the last year or so to get them more responsibility and get them more involved and lined up with how the state statute suggests their role should be. So, we met yesterday and talked about this specifically, talked about this number and what it should be and how it impacted the rest of TRT and so on. And so, now I should turn it over now to you, or to Ed and kind of talk about and Dustin feel free to. Because we came up with assumptions.

Dallon Koecher: So of course I kind of want to start out with the history of the TRT honestly that's what's on my power point, so I'm just going to start with history. Transient room tax was designed by hotels as self-implemented taxed on hotels to increase tourism in their communities. And so this was a fund that was used, it was suppose to be used to reinvest it tourism.

Councilman Farrell: A certain percentage would guarantee that.

Dallon Koecher: Correct, exactly. And so, with that in mind we want to make sure that all these funds are used to continue to regenerate transient room tax and so the board met yesterday and we made the recommendation to fund the Public Safety with a stepped approach. The board recommendation with the county council as well means that in 2023 14.28% of transient room tax would go towards Public safety, which equates to about \$500,000. Now that's assuming that there's 3.5 million dollars of transient room tax collected in 2023, and we are getting close to that number even now in 2022 so we should be able to hit that in 2023. With the recommendation in 2024 that percentage increases to 17%

and then 2025 it increases to 20%. So that could get you from the 500,000 now to approximately 700,000 in 2025. That means that there are hotels and other folks in the industry that really want to make sure that these funds get redirected back into tourists making a good impact on our community. There might be further discussion in 2025 as TRT continues to grow, what that might look like.

County Manager Grabau: I just want to add some context as well so, the public safety portion includes an existing contribution in the Transient room tax to support search and rescue of \$90,000. So, the proposed \$500,000 is that \$90,000 separate?

Councilman Crittenden: Well that's how it gets to \$600,000 on the budget.

County Manager Grabau: So the other part of this is the Heber valley tourism economic development perception is more in line with this recommendation. It's a little bit of a disconnect in that of the \$500,000 recommendation \$410,000 would be available for EMS mitigation, which is obviously less than the \$600,000 in this proposed budget. So, rather than trying to fix it at the end, I thought we would talk about it in the beginning when we are presenting these budgets of either we can come up with a plan of how we are going to reconcile out those differences. Because if there is a change and we want the county council to go with the Fires proposal to get \$600,000 then we would necessarily have to revisit some of the assumptions of the recommendations from the tax advisory board.

Councilman Nelson: Yeah, so let me make one other comment there, or another question that you can comment on. Those numbers are based on an assumption of what TRT will be, if its more than that, then the number will be more than that? 'Correct' Because it's a percentage, not an actual number.

County Manager Grabau: We had talked in other meetings with you about where we wanted to get to, and it seemed like there was a general consensus of 20%. Part of the thought with the tax advisory board was to work towards 20% and maintain the reinvestment aspects of the TRT funds, knowing that it would potentially affect this project. So, we really have a month to work through this issue, we don't have to resolve it right now. I just wanted to make sure that you were aware, because the County's budget (this is the 3rd part of this) doesn't necessarily affect our budget because we are going to abdicate the whole of the TRT funds. Its more of how it affects these other entities and what their budgets are.

Councilwoman Crittenden: My question is, how did you come to this 14% and did you look at the impact that will have on fire?

Dallon Koecher: Well, mainly its hard for us to say because most of the time you guys called up to the state parks. I mean how many times do you get called up to hotels or to Zermatt or, you know its hard for us we don't track that.

Councilman Farrell: Usually people who are out in the park, are staying at a hotel.

Dallon Koecher: Well, Well not in our parks. A lot of people who are in our parks are either camping or go home that same day. And so, um what we have looked at, we know we want to hit the 20%, and we have been wanting to use some of these funds to reinvest in business grants. So what we decided is, instead of having this really aggressive business grant program, we reduce that so we can build into that and more to the public safety contribution.

Councilwoman Crittenden: Okay, I understand that, but how did you come to the 14%? What issues did you use? What was in your head?

Dallon Koecher: The criteria was that 700,000 right off the bat was really a big chunk and did really leave a lot for reinvestment in businesses.

Council Nelson: So Maralyn it was based on the fire's ask.

Dallon Koecher: Yeah, so they are asking for 20% and we are trying to figure out a way to get there. So starting at 14% and splitting the difference the next two years.

Councilman Crittenden: 14 then 17 then 20.

Dallons associate: What was it before?

Dallon Koecher: It was just 90,000.

Dallons associate: That's a very small percentage.

Councilman Crittenden: So how did the fire come up with the 600,000?

Chief Hales: Those were made for some assumptions just as we were talking about how to get to 20%

Councilman Crittenden: At that point you didn't know what percent you might get?

Chief Hales: No, we had no idea. Just talking with Dustin, just trying to figure out where they are at with the 3.5 million and what we considered reasonable, then we drilled down to make sure that search and rescue got their portion. EMS has been eligible for this, but we have never received any, so we are also I guess just trying to play a little catch up as well. That's kind of where we are with out ask.

Someone39.06: And the other thing, I'm sure its probably obvious to everyone, the whole ocean is rising. And even though the future is uncertain, we expect it to continue to rise.

EMS Battalion Chief Provost: But Mark, to your point and to Marilyn's point and with Dallon's, its interesting because we want to promote Heber valley that's Dallon's job but Maralyn you also made a great point when tourism comes here it affects us big time. That equates to more personnel because, you said it right Mark, its rising, the ocean is rising. Its hard to keep up with that, so anything you can do to help us, is appreciated.

Councilman Farrell: I look at the TRT as having two facets: one which is a guaranteed you get 37% of it and it has to go back into advertising.

Mike Davis: 47. 67% plus 3%. It ends up about half.

Councilman Farrell: Whatever it is. Then its another, and the other can be to your discretion. I look at some of this and don't mitigate the affect that tourism has on the community. And it maybe what it brings in, what it does to the roads, what it does to our citizens, I mean, every time we have a bike race, and I think there's some benefit, it should go back to the community.

Dallon Koecher: And we say that all the time. What's the point of tourism if it doesn't offset local taxes, and so we have to play that balancing game too. You know, I think its really cool thing that parks and rec didn't have to go through the taxation because of using the TRT fund to help parks and rec, and I think

that's a tax saving benefits to the citizens. Something like this is the same type of deal where we want to help produce tax burdens on citizens, but we want to keep a leverageable portion to reinvest in our community and protect the percentages. And if we grow, we should be fine on that.

Councilwoman Crittenden: Yeah, I just think you need to watch it carefully that you didn't take care of this and cover some kind of way of gaining the Right? and knowing that because the citizens, I don't feel like we want that in the public's eyes. You know we impact the... its an important thing for us to watch or gauge. (unable to hear statement clearly)

County Manager Grabau: So, Chief Hales, or Clair is it possible for us to gather some data on call volumes and stuff like that?

Chief Hales: Yes

Councilwoman Crittenden: I think that is the answer.

Councilman Farrell: Other impacts too need to be accessed.

Dallon Koecher: Yeah and that 53% chosen TRT can use for like buying land, maintaining the visitor centers, special projects like roads, special public safety, trash collecting and all of those kind of things.

Councilman Parks: Are you going to make a bigger list to present to the county council then?

Dallon Koecher: We are happy to.

Councilman Parks: I think it would have to be approved before we go through with this.

Councilman Crittenden: We have approved it before.

Councilman Nelson: And just to resay what you just said, that's what's before the county council eventually is Fire has asked this tax board has recommended this we need to decide what it will be.

Councilman Parks: So before our December 13th meeting, we need to decide what this number is.

County Manager Grabau: And it might be helpful if you decided if you wanted us to set up meetings, gather data, what do you need to make those decisions. It might be helpful to meet with some of the head board as well because they know about their budget.

Councilwoman Crittenden: It sure would be nice if there was some data to show.

Councilman Parks: Can we talk about it on December 7th? The December 7th Council meeting?

Kiersten Smith: This has to be out the week before for public view, so I would have to have this out by the 7th.

County Manager Grabau: I think you could amend it, after you know, that would be the proposed. The final adoption version could be different then the proposed final adoption. You just have to adopt something before January.

Councilman Nelson: You know, really the decision, I think for us is really what approach do we want to take following this problem, because it's a first time thing. It's the first time in budget TRT to be allocated this way and there isn't a right answer to this, im not trying to pit one against the other, but

we want to follow the recommendation and say yes we are going to do it over 3 years we are going to go 15, 17, 20. Do we want to just take it right now and give that back to the town. We just need to decide.

Councilman Goode: We have the percentage, so that really helps us with what our expectations are. And they have a plan, just give it up over time. That's a positive. If we want to start at a higher percentage, for me, that's kind of what im thinking. If we were to stay at the 14.. was it 14 point something?

Dallon Koecher: That's just because it rounds up to an even 500,000

Councilman Crittenden: But that's on the assumption on what you are going to get

Councilman Nelson: Another option we could do is just ignore the percentage and say we are going to do 600,000 and it might turn out to be only 12% or 9%.

Dallon Koecher: Yeah, that's always an option too, just keep it steady.

Councilman Goode: Some of your data would be call volume increase during events. I mean, theres so many events now its a lot. We might find that we are behind where we should be, I mean we are definitely behind because we haven't had enough pr in the past coming in anyways. So maybe 14.28 is the right place to be, or maybe that's the starting point.

Councilman Nelson: Well and I would kind of put it on you guys to, and maybe you can just respond right now, to think about giving a percentage say there's more transient numbers, that the extent goes up and so if transient tax is higher you get more or it is the EMS thing, or is it not the volume thing? Its things that we have to fix, we have to hire these people or we have to do whatever, and it really isn't that variable that needs fixed, its all of it. You see what I mean? To argue that too is very important.

Councilman Goode: But I think it's a good starting point. Id like to go a little bit higher myself, but if there's a plan to scale it up over time I think that's positive.

Dallon Koecher: And the chair of our he works Deer Valley and one of the there's a lot of reserves of restaurant tax and TRT that lets just say we give that 14% but you still need to hit that 600,000 maybe you take 100,000 out of the reserve to fill that gap? That's an option as well.

Councilman Farrell: I think we've got to recognize that TRT and restaurant tax are probably the most vulnerable tax we have got, and as soon as something happens with the economy, that goes right down the drain. We found that the hard way, didn't we Mike, when we had to close the chamber of commers because they wanted to change their budget and take a percentage as it came out a year and we weren't collecting enough to meet their needs.

Councilman Goode: The good thing is that public safety isn't looking at this as a core part of their budget. It scales up as their needs scale up and so if they don't have a lot of visitors, then there's not a need for all of that extra revenue. That's how I understand it.

Kiersten Smith: But you still have a stockpile to meet those needs. I think you've got to somehow find the middle ground where there's a bottom and then make your percentage because we do have a hard cost that has to be covered.

Chief Hales: And we understand right now that the sun sets right now, its only due for 4th class counties, but its something we want to lobby on the EMS side, because a county with 39,000 people and someone with 45,000 people the impacts on our budget is about the same. You know, as far as the impact of trying to deal with tourism, so we want to look at trying to get that adjusted to see if it will include 3rd class counties if we ever get to that point.

Councilman Farrell: Well, lets go ahead and look at it and see what we can work out over time.

County Manager Grabau: Did you want us to reach out and schedule something with the whole council?

Councilman Farrell: I think we need the whole council, and put it on the council agenda.

Councilman Goode: Is there any direction you want to go?

County Manager Grabau: Our last meeting this month is tomorrow, so we would need to do a special meeting, or a separate meeting. Well, we are doing one on the 16th, right?

Councilman Crittenden: What are we doing on the 16th?

County Manager Grabau: My assumption was to continue items not hold a standard meeting that week.

Councilman Farrell: We are going to have a standard meeting that week because Mark changed his agenda.

County Manager Grabau: Okay, so we can just do it on the 16th.

Councilman Farrell: Yes.

Councilman Crittenden: Do you have quorum on the 16th?

Councilwoman Crittenden: I will be here.

County Manager Grabau: I thought we were going to have it remote?

Councilman Crittenden: I said I could walk in, there's nothing on the schedule.

Councilman Goode: In the meantime is there any kind of direction you want the staff to go in to get some more data?

Councilman Farrell: Just get some more data and some more clarification of where we are at.

Councilman Crittenden: Did we set the hearing?

Kiersten Smith: Should we push it back?

Councilman Farrell: So, anything else?

Kiersten Smith: No, unless you have any questions

Councilman Farrell: I don't, any other questions on the budget?

A motion was made by Councilman Crittenden to set the budget hearing for 2023 and an amendment for 2022 for Dec. 13th at 6:00. It was seconded by Councilman Nelson. It passed with all in favor.

Kristen: We need a motion to accept the quarter 3 financials.

Councilman Farrel: Will you modify

Councilman Crittenden: I will second, because he did it.

A motion was made by Councilman Goode to accept the 2022 quarter 3 financials. The motion was seconded by Councilman Crittenden. It passed with all in favor.

Councilman Farrell: Okay, do you want to talk about the CIV loan timeline?

Chief Hales: The only thing we need to talk about with that is that in the December or on December 6th the castle will be putting together the parameters for the resolution. And then we will have to have, during our regular meeting on December on the 13th we will need to open up to the land use board and accept those and make public notice for that. So, we just started that process.

Councilman Crittenden: That would be a public hearing and would have to be at 6:00.

Chief Hales: Yes.

Councilman Crittenden: So we will have to add that to the budget.

Chief Hales: That will be the budget as well. I know there's a lot going on, we are just trying to meet a timeframe. So by end of February we go to bid. So we are just trying to inform you about that.

Councilman Farrell: Alright, next time we need an interdiction on the next set of policies

Chief Hales: Well not to even belabor, we are running long today, but just to introduce that next set of policies for review. These 18 have been looked at by the advisory commission and we are working with staff to kind of go through them again. Most of these come from Lexipol so they are vetted with the federal and state statutes, they go along with those. I just wanted to introduce them, so as we move along to the next meeting for adoption of those.

Councilman Farrell: So if you get an opportunity, go through them. Okay, advisory commission report, anything from the advisory commission?

County Manager Grabau: We did not hold our meeting just from lack of quorum last week. I think they did meet to review the warrants. Do you guys have anything else to add to that?

A motion was made by Councilwoman Crittenden to go into a closed session for personnel. The motion was seconded by Councilman Parks. The motion passed all in favor.

A motion was made by Councilman Parks to go out of closed session. This motion was seconded by Councilwoman Marilyn. Passed all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Parks. It was seconded by Councilman Nelson. It passed all in favor.

Wasatch County Regular Session

November 16, 2022

A motion was made by Steve Farrel to go into Wasatch County Fire Board. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Crittenden. The motion passed all in favor.

Councilman Farrell: Thank you Chairman. It seems like we have been working on this all year, but its been a short time. We have been going through the process trying to identify a new Fire Chief and with the advisory commission we put together a job description and sent it out. We had some great applicants come back. We ended up interviewing 5 of the applicants, and the 5 we interviewed were great. As part of the interview committee we had 3 members of the council: myself, Councilman Kendall Crittenden, and Councilman Spencer Park. We also had some members from the advisory board: Mary and Gil were involved in the interview process. With that interview process, we come back with a recommendation of who we would present to the council for their approval of Chief Eric Hales, or Eric Hales would be our selection as the Fire Chief. If there's any discussion, or any reason to go into closed session to discuss this. If not, then we need a motion to ratify that approval or make that approval.

A motion was made my Councilwoman Crittenden to approve the appointment of Eric Hales as the Fire Chief. This motion was seconded by Councilman Wade. The motion passed all in favor.

Councilman Farrell: Congratulations Chief.

Councilman Crittenden: Danny is here if you want a vote from him. He's in the room behind me. Danny votes yes.

Councilman Nelson: Thank you. So, that passes 6 to nothing.

Councilman Farrell: Thank you, and thank you to all of the fireman for their support.

A motion was made by Councilman Farrell to close the Fire Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Crittenden. Passed all in favor.