

AGENDA
WILLCOX VOLUNTEER FIREMEN'S
PENSION BOARD
2008 ANNUAL MEETING
STATEMENT OF LEGAL ACTIONS
NOTE DATE: Friday, January 23, 2009
NOTE TIME: 11:30 a.m.
PLACE: SAXON STEAKHOUSE.
308 S. HASKELL
Willcox, Arizona

1. **CALL TO ORDER**-President Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey called the annual meeting for 2008 to order at 11:37 a.m. on Friday, January 23, 2009
2. **ROLL CALL**-Mayor announced all present except for VFF Gonzalez who is no longer with the Department.

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>STAFF</u>
President Mayor Gerald W. Lindsey	City Manager Pat McCourt
Assistant Fire Chief Patricia Ackerson-Rodriguez	Fire Chief Jake Weaver
Captain Jerry Guidice	City Clerk/Secretary Cristina G. Whelan, CMC
Lt. Scott Braden	Finance Director Ruth Graham
Vacancy	
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**-No flag pledge was dispensed.
4. **DECLARATION ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST**-There was no response from members present or staff.
5. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**-It was moved and seconded to adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**
6. **DISCUSSION/DECISION TO APPOINT GARY ADAMS TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM VACATED BY VFF JUAN GONZALEZ, TERM TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 2009**
It was moved and seconded to appoint Gary Adams and David Reno. Due to only one vacancy it was moved and seconded to table this appointment and to hold another meeting to make that appointment. **CARRIED.**
7. **DISCUSSION/DECISION REGARDING THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF DECEMBER 19, 2007**
It was moved and seconded to adopt the annual meeting minutes of December 19, 2007. **CARRIED.**
8. **DISCUSSION/DECISION OF FUND BALANCE AS OF JUNE 30, 2008 AND THE AMENDED REPORT AS PRESENTED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**
The next two (2) agenda items were considered together.
It was moved and seconded to adopt the Fund Balance of June 30, 2008 and the Amended Report as presented by the Finance Director. **CARRIED.**
9. **DISCUSSION/DECISION ON THE REPORT OF THE PENSION FUND**
It was moved and seconded to approve the report of the Pension Fund. **CARRIED.**
10. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT, MAYOR GERALD W. LINDSEY**
Mayor Lindsey stated he wanted the Volunteer Fire Fighters to know how much the Mayor and Council appreciates their services. A letter from a customer was read to the Mayor and Council on Monday that praised the Fire Department and thinks that was great to get recognition that the Fire Department rightly deserves. Their service is Above and Beyond their Call of Duty. It means a lot to all the citizens in the City and other places we have to respond to. He asked the Chief to express this to the Firemen for Job Well Done. It is good to know that there is someone that will be responding to our needs when we have an emergency.

11. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief Weaver reported that in 2008 they had over 100 calls; responded to various scenarios; and improvements next couple of years will be a struggle. There are 17 members and training continuously by Captain Giudice. This group is most motivated and interested in learning not just “hero” thinks and he his very encouraged. From the Tohono Odom Grant received fire truck and it should be here in April or May and invite the Reservation to come down. This is the first brand new truck the City Fire Department has ever had. Staff is researching for other grants especially for Wildland and to upgrade and replace outdated equipment and vehicles. They continue to host training for: Certified Wildland Fire Fighters, NEMS and Haz Mat for Fire Departments, and Fire Districts from our surrounding community.

12. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Assistant Fire Chief Ackerson-Rodriguez stated she loves working in the Department which is close to 21 years now; she has seen lots of changes and appreciates all the Chief and Capt. Giudice have done. Without their dedication department would not be where it is today.

Capt. Giudice stated received Smoke Detector Grant and more PSA’s will be done. They will install and provide the batteries for the detectors if citizen qualifies for them. Also if they citizen wants they will do a courtesy safety inspection of the home. In the pre-requisite of the Grant they did not specify in City or surrounding. They are concerned with the single parent, low-income families, the elderly and those on fixed incomes. They will not turn away those that qualify and are living outside the City limits

Capt. Giudice stated since Chief Weaver took over as Chief and Fire Chief they have had support and he has made leaps and bounds to get the Department PSA standards and training. As Director the Chief he is not entitled to a stipend. The Chief is a Certified Police Officer and he was not a Fire Fighter and now he is. He is right there with them and being a firefighter. That decision to give him a stipend is for the Mayor and Council to make.

The Captain mentioned that they are in need of 2-tenders for those times they are too far from a fire hydrant and they need a ladder truck which needs to be certified every yea. With the new structures we have in town we do not have equipment for fires above the 2nd floor and need elevated suppression. Captain Giudice will continue to look for grants to obtain funding for tankers and tenders.

13. ADJOURN- There being no further business before the Board the Mayor adjourned the annual meeting at 12:25 p.m.