



CENTRAL BELL COUNTY FIRE / RESCUE

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REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING for CBCFR

Meeting date: May 14, 2019

Call to order: A business meeting of the Central Bell County Fire Rescue was held at 84 North Main in Nolanville, Texas on May 14, 2019. The meeting convened at 1913. Board members present were President Cassandra Morrow and Vice President Bridget Carlson.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

**Chief Jason Worsdale
Assistant Chief Woodard
Battalion Chief Litton
Safety Officer Bart Thomison
CPT Jerry Carlson
SR FF Hammerschmidt
FF Boykin
FF Jessup
FF Levette
FF Courtney Jr.
FF West
PFF Normand
FF Lopez
PFF Melonas
Virgie Wittkop**

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

**PFF Brame
PFF Jose Reyes-Rios
PFF Briseno
PFF Beck
PFF Cizek**

GUESTS:

**Ashley Barlow
Cecil Brown
Scott Burnett
Christopher Rodriguez
Jacelyn Parker**

PUBLIC FORUM

NONE

Approval of Agenda: Motion was made to approve the agenda by FF Lopez and seconded by FF West. **Motion carried.**

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by FF Lopez to approve the minutes from the April 09, 2019 meeting and seconded by FF West. **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report: The financial statements for April 2019 were reviewed. FF Lopez made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and seconded by FF West. **Motion carried.** Currently low on funds. \$300 in main account and \$2500 in truck account, which will be used to pay insurance. Fill the helmet will be used to pay Command vehicle that is due on the first of June. Still have not received the city check for this month. Police report for the theft was turned into the bank but we are still waiting on them to make a decision. Once that is complete and school lets out we will be changing banks.

Public Forum: NONE

Officer's Reports:

- A. **Chief Worsdale** – April had 145 calls, getting back on normal track. 25 new radios came in last week. In the next week or two Comm Center will program. Apparatuses will go in one at a time to get radios replaced that cannot be upgraded. Sparta Engine is still here due to probably a seized motor. Top Frog mechanic will be coming for it. Been a lot of issues going on with drama and personality conflicts. Bound to happen in a family unit, but we need to be real careful how we speak to each other. Our business is life or death. Need to be respectful to each other. Don't hold grudges. If you need a mediator grab one of the officers. There are rumors going around about me being tired. As long as I am able I will be here, no plans to leave. Don't spread rumors. If you hear a rumor, don't spread it.
- B. **Assistant Chief Woodard** - Nothing to Report
- C. **Battalion Chief Litton** – Working on Engine 51. Found 4 places cracked. Do not touch it or fool with it. Brush has electrical system issue.
- D. **CAPT Carlson**- This Saturday we have training in McGregor. Meet at station at 0700. Enough room for 10 people. If you have reports out you will not go.
- E. **LT Turner** – NOT PRESENT
- F. **LT Castillo** – NOT PRESENT
- G. **LT Johnson** - NOT PRESENT
- H. **SO Thomison** – Water heater just went out. Plan is to relocate it and upgrade to gas and put in place where water heater is now a stackable W/D unit that was donated.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising –Nothing to report.

Bylaw – SO Thomison is the new Bylaw Committee Chairperson. President Morrow asked members who would like to be on committee, reminding them that they need to be at every meeting which will be held at 1800 before each business meeting. Missing a meeting removes you from the committee. The first meeting will be held on June 4th at 1800. The following members volunteered and were appointed to the bylaw committee: President Morrow, VP Carlson, CPT Carlson, AC Woodard, FF Boykin, Sr. FF Hammerschmidt, FF Lopez, FF Courtney Jr., FF West, and PFF Normand.

Membership:

Two members were on the agenda to be voted on:

1. FF Boykin made a motion to accept Cecil Brown, Jr. as a probationary firefighter. FF Lopez seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a member vote of 12 for, 0 against, and 5 abstentions.
2. FF West made a motion to accept Gregory Burnett as Probationary Firefighter. FF Courtney Jr. seconded the motion. Motion was approved with a member vote of 10 for, 0 against, and 7 abstentions.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

NONE

Elections:

NONE

Membership Comments:

PFF Beck – Comments about Sparta need to stop. It's unprofessional. I will start writing people up.

Virgie – Why aren't dues being paid. AC Woodard – stated SFFMA systems are down and are still being updated, I'm working on getting the list updated now.

Board Comments:

President Morrow – I take it personally when spreading rumors about me especially when I am only up here once a month. I am very willing to talk to anyone that has an issue. There is a fine line between operations and administration, I have no issue staying out of operations but yall need to stay out of administration. Bylaws are filed with the county, they had to be in order to reapply for a 501c3. As for business meetings and trainings, you need to attend 6 business meetings and roughly 18 trainings a year to stay active. If you are not making the effort you will go inactive no matter what your rank is. Regarding guests, if during business hours can stay in parking lot if toned out. Outside of business hours they need to leave the property. Regarding review boards, I am the one who sets up the date and time and I am the one the request needs to be handed to per our bylaws. We have had an issue where someone else set it up, violating the bylaws. Needs to stop.

Vice President Carlson – I was told the membership has an issue with me being on the board while also being the Auxiliary Chairperson and Department Secretary. That you did not like the fact that a board member also dabbled in operations by doing secretarial things. Due to this and per your request I have resigned from those two positions and there will no longer be fundraisers since there is no Auxiliary Chair, there will also no longer be billing and all the other related tasks I was doing as Secretary. I will strictly be the Vice President only. I am giving you what you want, so enjoy it.

Motion was made by Vice President Carlson to adjourn the meeting and seconded by President Morrow.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the president:

Meeting was adjourned at 1959