

Cedar Mountain Fire Protection District

Public Hearing Minutes

January 11, 2020

3620 Mammoth Creek Road, Duck Creek Village, UT 84762

Board Members Present: Brad Robbins, Chairman - Absent
Diane Adams, District Clerk
Dan Parsley, Treasurer
Charles Hightower, Member
Robert Shackelford, Member

Dan Parsley, Treasurer

It is 10:00 am and we are going to call the public hearing in regards to the bond issue, we are going to call that to order and I hope everybody had a chance to sign in. First off, when we get to the portion of the meeting today for public comment, if you could state your name, what sub division you are from and then your question and if we could just to keep things rolling please try not to duplicate questions. As you can see on the overhead this is our official Notice of Public Hearing and Bonds to be issued notice.

Dan Parsley, Treasurer - reads the "Notice of Public Hearing and Bonds to be issued" document word for word. (See the attached public notice).

Dan Parsley, Treasurer - hands over the hearing to Member Charles Hightower for a presentation.

Charles Hightower, Member – proceeds to make a presentation regarding Swains Creek Fire Station design, project benefits, where the funds are coming from, and bond milestones. The presentation is on PowerPoint. (Copy of presentation attached)

Dan Parsley, Treasurer – *Ok, so at this time we are going to ask for public input and as I stated earlier if you could please state your name, what subdivision you are from and your question.*

Members of the public in attendance (see the attached sign in sheet) numbered 12 in addition to the Board Members and CMFPD staff.

Questions and Comments from the public were:

Ray Waber, Swains Creek – *I have a question for Gayle. You have shook your head, rolled your eyes, through the whole thing; you obviously have some things to say. I would like to hear what you have to say, obviously in a negative attitude.*

Gayle Cichocki, Member – *Do I have to have a negative attitude or can I present them in a positive light?*

Ray Waber, Swains Creek – *Well you are rolling your eyes, you are shaking your head no, your red face tells me you have some problems with this.*

Gayle Cichocki, Member – *I just feel that the project is extremely rushed and that we are over paying for the project. I don't believe we need this Taj Mahal of a fire station out there to house a couple of engines and I think*

that if we were to wait until this fall and go before the CIB as mineral producing county, it would relieve the tax payers about \$300,000 dollars of financial burden.

Ray Waber, Swains Creek – *Ok, I have one more question. To the board and to the chief, is everyone on board with this or do we have some negative thoughts with this?*

Chief, Chris Rieffer – *The board will vote on it, if it's approved it will go forward. But I will say giving personal opinions is not appropriate at this time.*

Linda Waber, Swains Creek – *You say we are rushing the project. Do you realize this is 25 years that we have been promised that Swains Creek would have a Fire Station? Swains Creek has had numerous fund raisers to help supply some of the money. Which fortunately they are holding in an account and have not been given to the fire department yet. So this this is not a long time coming and I am a little bit concerned about, I noticed on first the bond issue, about the sixth paragraph down where it says Swains Creek Station 3 and other improvements. It sounds kind of like these improvements are being kind of put in under the flagship of Swains Creek Fire Station and I am a little concerned that what is actually going to happen to the grant money that was given for Swains Creek is going to go to Station 2. Station 2, Elk Ridge has their own fire department, we do respond to things over there but where would the need for Fire Station improvement on 2 be?*

Drake Cherry, Member – *I think that language about other things has to do with what language you put on the bond, but that money if for the station at 3. None of that, there is no other place that that money is going to go to. If that is approved that is where that is going to.*

Dan Parsley, Treasurer – *I think that that verbiage in there is to cover us if we have other things like furnishing not just construction.*

Linda Waber, Swains Creek – *Good to know, because it seemed like it was a just a little deceptive.*

Casey Tuttle, Swains Creek – *I just want to address a few that Gayle said, this is a station not a Taj Mahal. It's a basic station that has its functionality designed into it. This station here (meaning Station 1) if we were to build this station here today for what we paid for it, back when we built it, it would be an extra 2 or 3 million dollars. So it makes sense to build what we need for the future, now. It's going to cost more and we are building more than we need right now, it's not a Taj Mahal but it is a fully functional station and we might not need it right now but in 25 years we will. So I would rather pay per square price the construction cost now than have to come up with the money later on. I disagree with the when we are a mineral producing county we can come back and get CIB funding. We signed contracts; we are contractually obligated to go through with this. So if we back out on this I don't think they are really going to look at us in a positive light when we come back again for more money. I think what we should do is finish this project as we started it and show them we can complete a project. So that when we go back for other projects we are seen in a more positive light. It does seem kind of rushed at this point but it's not rushed because I know for a fact that I have been on this project for at least 4 years trying so it's been going for a while.*

Chief Chris Rieffer – *I support him and it's going to go forward.*

Dan Parsley, Treasurer – *Are there any other comments or questions? With that we will close the public hearing. It is now 10:42.*

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 10:42 am. January 11, 2020.

Minutes Approved by _____ Date _____
Dan Parsley, District Clerk

Signed copy on file at 3620 Mammoth Creek Rd. Duck Creek Village, Utah 84762