

Mayor Lawrence Flitton

UINTAH CITY COUNCIL WORK

Planning – Zeke Swander

Council Members:

SESSION

Building Inspector-Jeff Monroe

Don Pearson

Gordon Cutler

TUESDAY, April 14th, 2015

Treasurer – Mike Ulrich

Jerry Smith

Greg Johnson

7:00 PM

Sheriff – Lt. Talbot

MINUTES

Fire Chief – William Pope

Attendees: Mayor Flitton, Gordon Cutler, Jerry Smith, Don Pearson, Bill Pope, Marilyn Pearson, Shane Pagano, Kelly Pagano, Johnny Pagano and Darinda Wardell.

MEETING MINUTES:

1. **MEETING CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Flitton called the meeting to order and excused Greg Johnson.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Chief Pope

2. **DISCUSSION ON FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFER WITH UTAH WILDLAND COMPANY:** (00:01:20)

Presenter: Chief William Pope

- Chief Pope welcomed and thanked the Council for attending this meeting.
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- Contract with Utah Fire Company, Inc. (well established wildland contractor)
- Lease 2003 Ford F-550 Crew Cab (600 gal tank / 250 gpm pump) fully equipped
- One Time Lease payment of \$10.00 (gives city title for registration/insurance)
- Remainder of truck lease comes out of State MOU Wildland Contract
- Truck is marked as a Uintah Fire Truck, and can be used for all in district calls for service and training as we would like.
- Contract is based on hourly rate (if the truck doesn't dispatch out on any out of district fires, we don't owe any money). This Hourly rate is set by the State of Utah.
- Hourly rate is set by the State MOU, and would break down as follows:
 - \$144.00 per hour for fully qualified crew
 - \$31.02 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Truck Maintenance
 - \$7.15 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Fuel/Oil/Tires
 - \$31.39 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Lease Fee (their cut)
 - \$50.00 per hour set aside for Crew Payroll
 - \$24.44 per hour kept by UFD (our cut)
- \$113.00 per hour for developmental crew
 - \$31.02 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Truck Maintenance
 - \$7.15 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Fuel/Oil/Tires
 - \$13.90 per hour paid to Utah Wildland for Lease Fee (their cut)
 - \$50.00 per hour set aside for Crew Payroll
 - \$10.93 per hour kept by UFD (our cut)
- Our Current Brush 92 / FEPP Contract
 - \$73.00 per hour (Utah Wildland is not associated with this truck)
 - \$25.00 per hour set aside for Crew Payroll
 - \$15.84 per hour set aside for Vehicle Maintenance
 - \$24.12 per hour set aside for Fuel/Oil/Tires
 - \$8.04 per hour kept by UFD (our profit)
- While the truck is on an out of district call, all fuel/oil/tires and/or damaged equipment is the responsibility of Utah Wildland.
- When we use the truck for district calls, if we damage it (i.e. break a tool or pop a tire, we are responsible for it) as well as for in district fuel costs.
- Utah Wildland handles all preventative maintenance costs (oil changes, tire rotations, air filters, etc.) – all maintenance is done at Westland Ford in Ogden and bill paid directly by Utah Wildland.

- Our liability is no greater than what we already assume with our current fleet. Use of vehicles in a brush fire expose tires to nails and hazards, and tool use lends to breakage – we already assume this risk with our current tools and apparatus.
- What they get – private contractors are the very last to be called to a wildland incident, and then are competitive with all the other contractors. This puts their vehicles third in line for major complex fire incidents nationally and statewide.
- What we get – year round use of a newer brush truck for in city calls for service (fully equipped with better capabilities than our current brush truck). Also we are able to supplement our budget with a little extra training/equipment funds (amounts would depend on how busy of the summer it is).
- Ability to expand – The company is willing to contract as many trucks as we are willing to manage through the program, which could mean if successful in this first year, we have the opportunity to grow this as a larger revenue source for the department.
- What the department will need to accomplish this:
- Authorization to maintain a separate wildland division within the department for seasonal on-call employees for call out to these out of district complex fires
- Establishment of a Fire Department Enterprise Fund.
- Set aside from the city to pay payroll costs for the first couple of fires until USDA/BLM billing comes in (30-90 days) while the Fire Department Enterprise Fund is built up [these payroll funds would be paid back immediately upon receipt of check from the USDA/BLM].
- Can this be successful? Utah Wildland has accomplished this with Malad City Fire in Idaho, and that agency is making on average \$10,000 of actual profit per year. We would be the only Department entering into an agreement like this with Utah Wildland giving us good market share.
- Layton Fire Department has purchased a wildland engine outright and contract that engine because they have realized the profitability of this source
- Weber Fire District has also purchased a wildland engine outright and contract that engine because they have realized the profitability of this source
- There are countless articles of departments across the nation funding new apparatus, PPE, and other equipment solely from the money raised in wildland firefighting contracts.
- This opportunity will get us in an approximate 25% share in this pie, with little to no risk.

3. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:** (01:03:03)

Don Pearson motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Gordon Cutler.

All in favor; the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED by City Council, this 21st, day of April, 2015.



DARINDA K. WARDELL, City Recorder