PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2019

ROLL CALL:  Ted Calhoun  Ron Burnham
            Daniel Lamb  Holly Fagan

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

FIRE: Fire Chief Ron Burnham reported that EMS activity through 2018 was below average except for the months of May and December. December was up substantially. To date this month EMS has responded to more calls than all of January 2018.

With regards to the strategic plan for 2019, several significant changes have occurred the biggest factor being that James Hampton is leaving to take a job with Taos County. His last day will be January 10, 2019. This will leave a hole as he has been with us for eight years. We are currently advertising the full-time position but may have to split it into two part-time positions. With his departure we will be relying heavily on volunteers Ronnie Pockrandt and Justin Whitlock to step-up and help fill the gap. James will continue to volunteer when he is able.

The EMS transfer program is supposed to be a 50% share with Taos County however, the County has manipulated the system to accept only desirable transfers leaving the less desirable transfers to us. The less desirable transfers include late night and long distance. Officially starting on January 1, 2019, Holy Cross Hospital will contact Red River EMS first regarding every transfer. We will accept all transfers we can do while still leaving coverage for the town. We are seeing an increase in transfers, but we don’t know how much is due to the holiday or the change yet. We rely on the transfer program to provide revenue to fund EMS salaries and purchase equipment. Two-thirds or more of the EMS revenue is from the transfer program. The collection rate is higher on transfers than EMS calls. Many patients that we take to Holy Cross for an EMS call we end up transferring them where service they need is provided. We strive to provide good customer service and compassionate care.

We have EMS contingencies in place for surges of people in town. People need to have confidence that if they call 911 that someone will respond. We have utilized the 4WD Wheeler Peak rescue truck several times over the holidays to get to places not able to be reached by regular ambulance. We had college students Jazzy Lynch, Eric Lang, and Zach Lang all available to work during their break from school. We have agreements in place with Questa, Eagle Nest, and Taos County to help when we cannot cover due to multiple calls at the same time. We can handle two calls at the same time but not more because we lack the personnel and equipment. There was no call that went unanswered or was delayed during the holiday rush. The EMS calls received during the holiday period were almost totally medical as ski are injuries resulted in only two calls.

From a fire perspective, typically during the holiday period we have a few chimney and dumpster fires. This year we responded to only one chimney fire in the Upper Valley and no dumpster fires. The inspections program has decreased structure fire calls.

As of January 7, 2019, the forest is back to exceptional drought condition. El Nino years precipitation typically impacts late January through mid-March.

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Russell’s update

**New Storage tank (Prospector Tank)**- CID finally inspected the work for Bixby Electrical. They can now move forward and work on getting the local repeater back up and in service. The Casa Nueva Townhouse and Wild Oaks Subdivision both remain on the pioneer system. The contractor is still waiting on the pumps, the engineer has suggested that they look at alternative pumps that will meet the pump curve. D & R will be ready to disinfect the storage tank, but without the pumps we can’t fill the tank.

We’re looking into filling the Hatch tank with the existing pump system using a generator. If we want to get Wild Oaks on the Hatch system from the existing pump system the contractor would have to dig up the line and install a temporary cross (tap), and later cap the temporary tap. Russell and Isaac have decided to wait until the new pumps arrive before disinfecting and putting the tanks in service.

**Reclamation plant**- The Shakedown or test run for RBC 3 is scheduled for January 10 & 11, 2018. The representative from Evoqua will be here for the startup inspection and training for the operators is also scheduled for this day. #3 RBC is in service.

The Contractor is installing the new roof over RBC 3. They will also remove the roof over RBC basin #1. Basin #1 is being prepared for shutdown, so the contractor will be able start the removal process of RBC #1. The Contract should be able to install the #1 RBC unit the last week of January.

There is a progress meeting scheduled for January 29th for the Reclamation Facility.
TOWN OF RED RIVER

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday
JANUARY 8th, 2019 9:00 AM
CONFERENCE CENTER

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:30 AM

2. ROLL CALL: FRED, JENNA, TRACY, LINTON

3. WAGS AND WINE: WORKING ON A TENATIVE DATE FOR SEPTEMBER 14TH FOR EVENT.

4. FINISHING UP FINAL DRAWINGS FOR PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN FOR PRESENTATION

5. WAITING TO HEAR BACK ON FINAL JOB DESCRIPTION FOR PARKS AND RECREATION POSITION IN ORDER TO START RECRUITING PROCESS.

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:55 AM

RESPECTFULLY,

DAN FOLEY