

**PAGE CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 28, 2016**

A Work Session Meeting of the Page City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. on September 28, 2016, in the Council Chambers at City Hall in Page, Arizona. Mayor Bill Diak presided. Vice Mayor John Kocjan, Councilors Scott Sadler, Levi Tappan, and Dennis Warner were present. Councilors Mike Bryan and Korey Seyler were excused.

Mayor Diak called the meeting to order.

Staff members present: City Manager, J. Crystal Dyches; City Attorney, Joshua Smith; Fire Chief, Jeff Reed; Deputy City Clerk, Sue Kennedy; and City Clerk, Kim Larson.

Discussion by the City Council pertaining to Page Fire Department out of town response and staffing

City Manager Crystal Dyches stated that Fire Chief Jeff Reed had a concern pertaining to fire/medical coverage in the City of Page. She explained that in July 2016 there was one incident where there was no coverage for a little over an hour in the City, due to overlapping out-of-town calls. The City Code states that the Fire Department can respond outside of the City Limits. Ms. Dyches turned it over to Chief Reed to discuss his concerns with the City Council.

Fire Chief Jeff Reed stated that he was concerned regarding the out-of-town responses and overlapping calls. He stated that there had been an increase in overlapping calls by 42% over an 8-month period.

There was discussion between City Council, Chief Reed, and Larry Clark (former Fire Chief and citizen of Page) regarding volunteer firefighters, the cost and time to train a volunteer as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and about other resources available with the Park Service, Navajo Nation, Classic Helicopter and Guardian Air.

Discussion continued pertaining to the out-of-town responses and the concern of overlapping calls.

Chief Reed explained that the current staffing level was five (5) firefighters per day with a minimum of four (4), and there must be a minimum of two (2) firefighters to respond to a call. They do have staff on-call, with each firefighter taking one (1) 24-hour call every 24-day cycle. Having staff on-call does not provide an extra person available every day. The Fire Department has 15 firefighters, with eight (8) living in Page and seven (7) out-of-town. The out-of-town firefighters do make arrangements to stay in town on the days they are on-call.

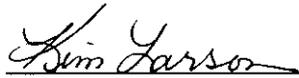
There was lengthy discussion.

There was discussion pertaining to the financial impact to the City for out-of-town responses.

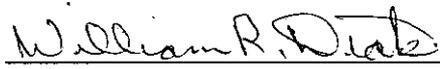
Chief Reed said that there was a good return, however his concern was staffing.

Mayor Diak said that he would like to have more conversation regarding this matter, and to invite other agencies, such as the Sheriff's Department, Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS), National Park Service, and the Navajo Nation.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.



Kim Larson
City Clerk



William R. Diak
Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct copy of the minutes of the City Council Work Session Meeting, held on the 28th day of September, 2016. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 12th day of October, 2016



Kim Larson, City Clerk