

## **Fire Rescue Task Force**

January 28, 2014

7:30 p.m.

City Manager Conference Room

City of Whitewater Municipal Building

312 W Whitewater Street, Whitewater, Wisconsin

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to order and roll call.**

Meeting was called to order by Ken Kidd at 7:35 p.m. Present: Don Gregoire (Fire Chief), Todd Lindert (Rescue), Jan Bilgen (Police Commission), Ken Kidd (Council), Phil Frawley (Council), Cameron Clapper (City Manager. Absent: None. Also present: Bob Gabbey, Mike Higgins, Patrick Singer (Council), Lynn Binnie (Council).

#### **2. Approve minutes from the January 16, 2014 meeting.**

It was moved by Lindert, seconded by Bilgen to approve the minutes for the January 16 meeting of the fire rescue task force with the changes listed below. Ayes: Gregoire, Lindert, Bilgen, Kidd, Frawley, Clapper. Noes: None. Absent: None.

- a. Todd Lindert and Bob Gabbey were included as present at the meeting on January 16.
- b. Under the discussion of needs and goals for the fire department, compensation for fire department officers was included in the minutes.
- c. Under discussion of the needs and goals of rescue, item (8) was reworded to include "Insure that 1<sup>st</sup> truck is fully staffed" and to add item (9) concerning mending differences between Fire Department officers and volunteers.
- d. Under presentation of balance sheet regarding Fire Department and Rescue the cost of operations is to be included.

#### **3. New developments**

Don Gregoire provided task force members with a copy of a single sheet budget report including rural account expenses for the fire department. Budget is included in packet materials for January 28 meeting.

#### **4. Discussion of potential organizational models**

Cameron Clapper provided a PowerPoint presentation on alternatives for organizational structure. Task force members discussed the alternatives presented and agreed that a non-stock corporation would likely be the most advantageous alternative to pursue. Fire department officers will continue moving forward on developing a temporary agreement between the fire department and the city as recommended by ESCI in 2013. Fire department officers will look at preliminary paperwork and requirements for an incorporation of the fire department and have also identified an attorney to assist with the updating of existing bylaws. The PowerPoint has been included with the packet materials in the permanent record for the meeting.

**5. Confirmation of next meeting dates:**

February 27 was not included in the list of dates for future meetings. The list of dates is as follows:

February 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

February 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

March 13, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

March 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

**6. Adjourn.**

A motion by Lindert, seconded by Frawley to adjourn. Ayes: Gregoire, Lindert, Bilgen, Kidd, Frawley, Clapper. Noes: None. Absent: None. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.