

ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PUBLIC HEARING
P.O. Box 159
Springdale, UT 84767
December 11, 2012
Firehouse

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** – Chair Bob Orton called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with the following members of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District Board present: Michael Plyler, Nancy Sanchez, Barry Rhodes and Linda Brinkley. Also present was Chief Ballard. District Clerk Elaine Harris recording.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Nancy Sanchez moved the agenda be approved. Barry Rhodes seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.
3. **PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC INPUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2013 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT** – Michael Plyler moved the Board go into Public Hearing for public input regarding the proposed 2013 budget for the District. Linda Brinkley seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Peggy Taylor, resident of Springdale, was present as a property owner and also as a representative of the Kinesava Homeowner's Association. In answer to her question regarding any proposed changes in the service, Chair Orton stated that the public hearing was for the public's input to the District. If Ms. Taylor has questions regarding the budget itself, the Board would attempt to answer them.

Chair Orton stated the only thing that is changing is the District never has enough money. The Town is growing and a couple of years ago there was an increase in the Standby Fee of 60%; a decrease from the planned 100% increase. While the increase has helped, the District is still lacking in funds. For the upcoming year, the budget has been cut thin and the District will do its best to accomplish what needs to be done with the funds available.

Except for the ambulance, much needed repairs and replacements of fire equipment will not be done in 2013.

Chair Orton responded to Ms. Taylor that there is no plan to cut back on services. The District would like to increase services, but is unable to do so without more funds.

Years ago, due to financial restrictions, the District was forced to drop the level of service to EMT-Intermediate from EMT-Paramedic. The District's current license allows us to offer Paramedic assistance when we have an EMT-Paramedic available.

Chief Ballard indicated we are looking into purchasing a new ambulance during the upcoming year. That is the major reason for the large increase in expenditures over the 2012 year.

In answer to Mr. Randy Taylor's question regarding the cost of a new ambulance, Chief Ballard stated that it will be around \$180,000 to \$200,000.

Chair Orton stated there could possibly be an increase in the Standby Fee for 2013, but there will be a public hearing for the proposal. Chair Orton also responded "no" to the question of receiving more of the transient room tax.

There were no further questions.

4. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING** – Linda Brinkley moved the Board go out of Public Hearing. Barry Rhodes seconded the motion and a roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.
5. **ANY DISCUSSION REQUIRED AS A RESULT OF THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED BUDGET** – No discussion was required.
6. **ADJOURN** – Nancy Sanchez moved the meeting be adjourned. Michael Plyler seconded the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes typed by:

Elaine M. Harris
District Clerk

APPROVED:



Robert W. Orton, Chairman