

**Western Hills Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022**

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Randy Robb, Kris Knez, Bill McDonnell

Absent: Greg Johnson, Jeanette Snow

Also present: Chief Brian Kuznik  
Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Chief Kuznik's Report -

Call volume increase in January 56% increase for Western Hills and 24% increase for City of Greeley. Ch. Kuznik has talked with area Fire Chiefs and they are experiencing increased call volumes as well. Response times are improving for EMS calls. UCH will provide quarterly reports for review.

Auto garage fire on 16<sup>th</sup> St – tanker truck was parked in the building and people were attempting to thaw frozen valves and it combusted. The garage also had tires in the structure. Galeton FD was on standby with foam to assist if needed.

Country Estates Mobile Home Park – fatal fire in February. The initial call was for a domestic disturbance and a fire broke out. Investigation ongoing.

Fireworks – presentation to City Council. A potential vendor had asked to sell fireworks within the City of Greeley in winter months. The City Council reviewed options and declined to change current ordinance.

COVID-19 – cases declining in City and mask mandate ended.

Personnel changes in GFD – Einspahr retirement, Armitage promotion, Lt. promotional process to be completed.

What is involvement with Greeley School District 6 for Public Education?

In 2008, staffing cut within the Community Risk Reduction division and GFD did not have personnel available to visit every third grade class. GFD currently provides curriculum that can be presented by the teacher. GFD promotes fire safety on social media. The

school district doesn't have funds to provide transportation to stations for tours and there are liability issues as well.

We have a great relationship with Aims Community College. They are currently working to expand the Public Safety Campus at WCR 17. One of GFD personnel leads a teenage Fire Academy each year (July). Aims currently offers an Associates degrees in Fire Science and are working to provide four-year degree programs.

Incident summary

<b>Calls</b>	<b>2022 WH</b>	<b>2022 City</b>	<b>2021 WH</b>	<b>2021 City</b>
January	50	1,443	32	1,164
February			24	974
March			37	1,197
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>93</b>	<b>3,335</b>
April			35	1,176
May			31	1,042
June			36	1,279
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>102</b>	<b>3,497</b>
July			48	1,381
August			42	1,408
September			56	1,330
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>146</b>	<b>4,119</b>
October			40	1,407
November			34	1,333
December			38	1,416
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>112</b>	<b>4,156</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,443</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>15,321</b>

5. **Minutes:** January 2022 Regular Meeting  
 Motion to accept January 2022 Minutes as presented.  
 (McDonnell/Knez) 3-0 Approved
  
6. **Financials:**
  - A. Bills January 2022  
 Motion to accept Bills Paid in January 2022 as presented.  
 (McDonnell/Knez) 3-0 Approved
  
  - B. Statement of Changes as of January 2022  
 Motion to accept Statement of Changes as presented.  
 McDonnell/Knez) 3-0 Approved

- C. Journal Entries for January 2022  
Motion to accept Journal Entries for January 2022  
(McDonnell/Knez) 3-0 Approved
- D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action
- E. Closing Checklist January 2022  
Motion to accept Closing Checklist as presented  
(Knez/McDonnell) 3-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**

- A. Fencing – tabled indefinitely
- B. Sprinkler repair by Streets division
- C. Officer Election tabled until May election
- D. ROW request  
Attorney Scheurer stated the document doesn't show acceptance by County Commissioners.

8. **New Business:**

- A. Legal Representation –  
Motion to approve agreement with Lyons-Gaddis.  
(Knez/McDonnell) 3-0 Approved
- B. UC Health extend usage of building  
They are currently renovating a building near Windsor. They have recognized the value of having a location on the east side of Greeley. The current agreement will expire June 30, 2022.

Long term usage – anticipate - two ambulances in service (shift change) and two ambulances on reserve and a supervisor. Value of continuing the usage of the building - Improved response times and reduced ambulance trips from Windsor.

Is the Board interested in allowing the extended usage of the building?  
What is the legal means to sublease the building? Possible yearly agreement.  
Ch. Kuznik would propose to start a conversation with City Attorney.

Motion to approve investigation of long-term lease with UC Health  
(McDonnell/Knez) 3-0 Approved

- 9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None

10. **Adjourn:**

President Robb declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

**Regular Meeting(s) and proposed Agenda Items**

Date	Time	Agenda Items
03/14/2022	5:30 p.m.	
04/11/2022	5:30 p.m.	
05/09/2022	5:30 p.m.	Swear in new Board Members

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

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Randall Robb, Board President