

# Western Hills Fire Protection District

## Regular Meeting

### Monday, October 13, 2025

1. **Call to Order:** 5:35 p.m.

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Kris Knez, Caleb Clark  
 Absent: Calven Goza

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik  
 Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Ch. Kuznik reported there were 31 calls in September.

Garden City had 7 calls. The average alarm handling time was 2:04

Data retrieval continues to be a work in progress.

Average response time 8:39 (first arriving unit). Majority of calls (18) were EMS in nature.

Discussion of call type response – Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta, Echo. GFD does not respond to Alpha calls. Echo is the most serious (for example CPR in progress, not breathing).

Closed out Fire Prevention Week – visited nine schools in the district. Concentrated on 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students, approximately 900 students and parents. Open House at Sation 5 – estimated 1300 attendees; GPD and Paramedics attended, had Aims students assisting with the event. Many activities.

Federal Grant - \$880,000 requires an \$80K 10% match to replace SCBA units in 2026. These units are approaching the end of their 10-year life. Enhanced communication and lighter design.

Trench Rescue class will be held December 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. GFD will send nine to the class. Then will have 13 individuals trained to Tech level. Will be held at Public Safety Training Facility on north 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Calls	2025 WH	2025 City	2024 WH	2024 City
January	32	1,470	58	1,598
February	33	1,281	54	1,348
March	53 (42)	1,366	64	1,384
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>4,117</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,330</b>
April	41	1,241	54	1,406
May	33	1,442	55	1,659
June	46	1,492	59	1,596

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>4,175</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4,661</b>
July	38		55	1,716
August	36		64	1,765
September	31		48	1,662
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>105</b>		<b>167</b>	<b>5,143</b>
October			44	1,686
November			51	1,581
December			48	1,660
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>143</b>	<b>4,933</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>343</b>		<b>654</b>	<b>19,061</b>

5. **Minutes:** September 2025 Regular Meeting  
Motion to accept September 2025 Minutes.  
(Clark/Steinmetz) 4-0 Approved

6. **Financials:**

- A. Bills Paid in September 2025  
Motion to accept Bills Paid in September 2025 as presented.  
(Steinmetz/Clark) 4-0 Approved
- B. Statement of Changes as of September 2025  
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.  
(Clark/Knez) 4-0 Approved
- C. Journal Entries for September 2025  
Motion to accept Journal Entries for September 2025.  
(Clark/Knez) 4-0 Approved
- D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
- E. Closing Checklist September 2025  
Motion to accept the Closing Checklist.  
(Steinmetz/Clark) 4-0 Approved

7. **Old Business:**

- A. Station Maintenance –  
1. Fencing project.  
Mr. Knez will work on fence panel replacement this week  
He will repair or replace the fence sections as needed.  
District to cover the costs incurred.

- 2. The sprinkler system bid needs to get three bids. (Spring 2026 project)  
Fisher Irrigation; All Terrain,
- 3. Pavement assessment of the parking lot.

**B. Feasibility Study-**

No updates from Ch. Kuznik. Estimated \$50k-\$100k. Undetermined cost split between City and District.

Did the study done in 2023 provide any duplication of information?

It suggested that more investigation be completed for Western Hills.

Would like to investigate opportunities for the partnership going forward.  
This could provide a strategic plan for the District moving forward.

What could benefit the citizens of the District?

Could add services – staffing?

Adding a brush truck?

If no changes are made, response times will continue to increase.

The response standard is less than 7:30.

A joint request for proposal could be completed by GFD staff. It would target 2026 for the RFP. Anticipated 90 days for RFP; 90-180 days for study after selection of vendor. Results of study within 12 months. It would include stakeholder/citizen input for the study. Keep on agenda for updates.

**8. New Business:**

A. Proposed 2026 Budget

The proposed budget was presented and reviewed.

B. Set Budget Hearing

The final budget is set to be approved at the December 8th meeting.

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

**10. Adjourn:**

President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.  
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**Regular Meeting(s) and Proposed Agenda Items**

Date	Time	Agenda Items
11/10/2025	5:30 p.m.	
12/08/2025	5:30 p.m.	2026 Budget Adoption/Set Mill Levy
01/12/2026	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

Greg Johnson, Board President