

**Western Hills Fire Protection District**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, October 14, 2024**

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

2. **Attendance:**

Board Members: Greg Johnson, Don Steinmetz Jr, Kris Knez Bill McDonnell,  
Calven Goza

Also present: Ch. Brian Kuznik  
Janice Perekrestenko

3. **Changes in Agenda:**

4. **Fire Department Report:**

Ch. Kuznik

- Kevin Waters (UC Health) expressed his thanks to Western Hills for allowing them to utilize the building. November 2021-December 2023. UC Health will not be renewing the lease
- City of Greeley has re-numbered all fire apparatus to align with the Weld County numbering system.
- Evaluating the JBS structure fire. Three individuals interviewed Fire personnel, Fire inspections, water supply and site visits to evaluate the response.
- Fire Prevention week – public educator was in 9 elementary schools. Open house at Station 5 on Saturday (estimated 1,400 attendees)
- Occidental grant received \$20,000 for swift water training
- Onboarding 4 new lateral hires – graduate mid-November
- Two promotions to Lieutenant in September
- Fire Station 4 – Location analysis and site plan analysis for re-build on that site.
- Average alarm handling time for calls in Western Hills 1 min 51 seconds; response time 6 min 58 seconds. 49% of calls were medical related calls, next highest call volume was for vehicle accidents with injuries.
- Public Safety Training Facility – has the burn building that the city built, other buildings on site were remodeled to provide small classroom with 2 bathrooms. Ideally having a large classroom with office space would provide for hosting our own personnel and regional classes. Also need a five-story training tower. Currently Greeley Fire charges a small fee or trade in-kind facilities for other agencies. Would not be a for-profit set up, look to cover costs.
- What are the City funding plans for the Training Facility. Ch. Kuznik could bring the renderings that were prepared before the Burn building was built.

- Class that Western Hills sponsored will be held next week for nine Greeley Fire personnel and personnel from other agencies. Will get pictures of the participants.
- Greeley Fire is currently hosting a Citizen Fire Academy that has approximately 25 participants. On the last day they will receive CPR training with a certificate.
- Engineer Alvord was deployed to North Carolina with her search dog. She was asked to extend her deployment to Florida.
- Wildland deployments – Greeley Fire is currently not available in the State systems for requests. Staffing levels are critical. Last fire was deployed to Red Feather.

Calls	2024 WH	2024 City	2023 WH	2023 City
January	58	1,598	38	1,405
February	54	1,348	37	1,315
March	64	1,384	52	1,489
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>4,330</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>4,209</b>
April	54	1,406	42	1,451
May	55	1,659	51	1,572
June	59	1,596	50	1,484
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4,661</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>4,507</b>
July	55	1,716	39	1,624
August	64	1,765	46	1,640
September	63	1,662	48	1,500
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>5,143</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>4,764</b>
October			44	1,550
November			47	1,492
December			52	1,572
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Quarter</b>			<b>143</b>	<b>4,614</b>
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>14,134</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>18,094</b>

5. **Minutes:** September 2024 Regular Meeting  
Motion to accept September 2024 Minutes as corrected.  
(Knez/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved
  
6. **Financials:**
  - A. Bills September 2024  
Motion to accept Bills Paid in September 2024 as presented.  
(Steinmetz/Johnson) 5-0 Approved
  
  - B. Statement of Changes as of September 2024  
Motion to accept the Statement of Changes as presented.  
(Johnson/Steinmetz) 5-0 Approved

- C. Journal Entries for September 2024  
Motion to accept Journal Entries for September 2024.  
(Goza/Knez) 5-0 Approved
  - D. Weld County Treasurer Report – no formal action.
  - E. Closing Checklist September 2024  
Motion to accept Closing Checklist.  
(McDonnell/Goza) 5-0 Approved
7. **Old Business:**
- A. Feasibility Study Proposals – Table all old business – Goza/Knez (5-0)  
The Board has determined this to be a lengthy process and will consult with legal advisors.
8. **New Business:**
- A. Budget 2025 -  
  
Motion to accept review Budget as corrected (Johnson/Steinmetz) 5-0  
  
Set Budget Hearing December 9 (Johnson/Goza) 5-0
  - B. Move November meeting to 18<sup>th</sup> due to Veteran’s Day Holiday  
Goza/Johnson (5-0)
9. **Oral or Written Suggestions from the Board or Taxpayers:** None
10. **Adjourn:**  
President McDonnell declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.  
(Goza/Johnson)5-0 6:37pm

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

Date	Time	Agenda Items
11/18/2024	5:30 p.m.	Review contract
12/09/2024	5:30 p.m.	Adoption of 2025 Budget
01/13/2025	5:30 p.m.	

Respectfully Submitted,

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Janice Perekrestenko, Recording Secretary

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William McDonnell, Board President