

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue
Pleasant Hill Rural Fire Protection District
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Joint Board Work Session/Zoom Meeting
February 14, 2023

Call to Order

The hybrid Joint Board Work Session was called to order at 5:36 p.m. by Fire Authority Board President Willie Bronson.

Attendance:

Pleasant Hill Board Members: President Todd Anderson, Vice President Kevin Flory, Secretary/Treasurer Darrell Shoemaker, and Board Member Paul Filson.

Goshen Board Members: President Willie Bronson, Vice President Tom McClellan, Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson, and Board Member Cameron Saxon.

Pleasant Hill Goshen Fire & Rescue Board Members: President Willie Bronson, Vice President Todd Anderson, Secretary/Treasurer Rose Reinertson, and Board Member Kevin Flory.

Staff: Fire Chief Andrew Smith, Captain Riley Moore, Executive Assistant Haley Meshnik.

Guests: - Terry McDiarmid, Anne Marie Levis, GT Miller, Joan, Karen Gaffney, Patty Anderson, Terri Filson, and Emily Moore.

John Pete, from FFA Architecture and Interior, presented on the fire station update and conceptual drawings. He explained the program and initial planning to refine the fire station needs in Pleasant Hill. John explained how the meeting with the community helped guide the core values of the design process. Their team studied the access points and decided to move the building closer to the highway for visibility and allow for drive through bays. They kept the design/structure very simple with simple clean gables. The design team is trying to utilize the existing well and working on the best location for the water tower and septic drain field. Kevin Flory asked where the training area would be? John said in the unfinished area to the side of the building. John shared that the original wish list of 4 bays has been reduced to a minimum of 3 bays, with the option to include the 4th bay if there is flexibility in the budget, as we move forward. It was explained that the drain field location is not confirmed at this stage, until they

get more information. He explained that at the next phase they will have an engineer to help answer those questions.

John Pete shared the floor plan, that the building is 7,400 sq/ft, \$5.5 million dollars of construction costs and about \$1.4 million in soft costs, which include furniture, and various permits and fees. A total estimated cost of \$6.9 million.

The building committee is really trying to understand the prices and the cost savings with certain material. Chief Smith shared that the building committee has really beat this plan there and back to get it where we want it. The group has been as cost protective as we can get it. Chief Smith added that there are things not up for negotiation per government rules. The completion of this fire station is a key element of the future service of the community's basic needs. Chief continued that it is frustrating what the costs are today.

Chief Smith shared that he is looking forward to the schematic phase where they can really narrow in on the plans and design. We are hopeful that the economy is in a better place and that the costs will go down, but the cost is a formula that fluctuates with the economy. Chief Smith wanted to applaud the work of the design team. Kevin Flory seconded that he felt the design team has worked very diligently.

Chief Smith said it has been a journey and this design does not have a lot of frills. He added that we have worked hard to get to our budget, for example eliminating the 4th bay, second access to the highway, and maintain the existing well. Chief Smith said that they are trying to push the conservative approach and that the hope is that at the end we might have room to add, but we don't want last minute to hear we need to cut more. It is scary how much commercial construction costs these days.

Kevin Flory added that we need to account for everything we add to the station and make good use of the money they are given to construct this. Kevin shared that he thinks this plan looks great.

Todd Anderson added that we really focused on what was needs versus wants. Mainly focusing on the community needs. Chief Smith added that the goal behind the project is that it builds a station and leads to a home for 4-6 on duty crew to live, cook, sleep, and provide service.

Chief Smith shared with the boards that he submitted a safer grant for three employees for the next 3 years.

John Pete added that the upcoming community meeting is to show the plans and the external building. The board will decide when the community meeting will take place and Kevin Flory added that we need to draw a lot more people to get them excited about what we are doing. Kevin added that we will need our consultant to assist with the messaging.

Chief Smith added that we have a lot of work to still do and construction is still a ways out in to the future.

G.T. Miller asked if the vehicles can be stacked in the bays? Paul Filson replied that they currently are not at a size where you can stack apparatus, but when you lengthen one bay, you have to lengthen all of them, which adds money. Chief Smith concluded that our wants list are still a priority if we can add them in the future, but we will make sure we keep what the community needs. Chief Smith said that at completion of this, we will have a crew assigned to an engine and they can deliver service from the Pleasant Hill Station.

Willie Bronson adjourned the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Haley Meshnik

Recording Secretary