Ryan J. Simmons, Fire Chief



POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION MEETING

March 5, 2024

I. Membership Update

• Our roster is currently 48 volunteers, but we did have two new individuals who have inquired about information on becoming a volunteer firefighter.

II. Reports of Significant Service Calls

• The fire department responded to 8 incidents in February. FD response summary for February is as follows:

December 2023
Fires 4
Vehicle Crashes 1
Gas Odor/CO Alarms 0
Alarm System Activation
EMS Lift Assist 0
Other 0

III. Information Updates

- <u>Fire Station Project Update</u> The schematic design and schematic budget have been received and reviewed. The project is within the \$14.5M allowable cost from the Common Council and has been approved by City Manager Langreck to move into the Design Development phase of the project.
- <u>Radio Repeater Update</u> Our new radio repeater has been installed and is online at this time. The new repeater is located on the new Grant County Radio System tower located by the Grant County Highway shop on County D. Everything appears to be working as expected.
- <u>SCBA & Breathing Air Compressor Bids Update</u> The common council awarded the bids for our new SCBAs and Breathing Air Compressor on February 13, 2024. We have already received the breathing air compressor and new air packs as the vendor had the items on-hand in their warehouse. We are scheduled to begin training and familiarization on the new air packs on March 11th. We are working to schedule the installation of our new breathing air compressor in the next several weeks.
- <u>Kevin Reed Update</u> Mr. Reed continues to attend common council meetings and speak during the citizen's comments time about concerns he has with the fire department from 30 years ago. Mr. Reed's concerns were addressed in the late 1990s and early 2000s by the City Manager, The Common Council, and the Police & Fire Commission. City Manager Langreck continues to work with Mr. Reed and provide anything he requests under open records law and is working with the City's legal counsel to address Mr. Reed's concerns. Kevin continues to attend common council meetings and speak during citizen's comments.

IV. Personnel Issues/Concerns/Updates

• Nothing at this time.