

**Minutes**  
**City of Griswold**  
**Special Council Meeting, Griswold City Council Chambers**  
**November 22, 2016**  
**6:00 PM**

The Griswold City Council met in special session at the Griswold City Council Chambers. Mayor Jeb Peck called the meeting to order. Council present: Cook, Moore, Wyman, Sorensen, and Askeland. Motion by Askeland to approve and amend the agenda to correct the language of 4.c to include “Resolution 7-2017” to read “ISG Payment Schedule: Approve Resolution 7.2017 Pay Application # 2”. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS**

- a. Rescue Department—Brad Amos gave verbal report, stated that 9 members of the Rescue Department resigned on last Tuesday after their meeting. Since then, they have met two times in the last week to assign duties to current rescue members. They currently have 5 pending membership applications. Griswold Rescue has also been able to make all 3 of the 3 calls received since the resignations.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. Beth Kimpson commended the previous Rescue Captain and is appreciative of what they have done. Ms. Kimpson expressed concerns that response times will be affected due to the resignations.
- b. Julie Adams expressed concern and is hopeful council and rescue will come together and resolve the matter.
- c. Sandy Tye is very concerned and expressed the department needs more experienced people back as members.
- d. Lee Wyman expressed concern that the current Rescue Department members will not be able to handle all of the rescue calls and this will affect the neighboring communities.
- e. Drue Kirchoff expressed concern that the remaining Rescue Department members will not be able to handle all of the rescue calls and asked about the Rescue Department by-laws.
- f. Jerry Putnam expressed concern regarding the closed session.
- g. Larry Mundorf recommended council and Rescue work together to get the situation figured out.
- h. Jeff Pope expressed concerns with response times and the inexperience of the remaining members.
- i. Sara Beth Jones complimented the Griswold Rescue Department on previous calls when they arrived at the hospital. She also expressed that previous members encouraged her to join as a volunteer, but is now conflicted about joining without Julie Kline as a member.
- j. Dr. Elaine K Berry suggested council utilize a mediator and expressed that she is uncomfortable extending her medical license to inexperienced rescue members.
- k. Jim Ridlen expressed concerns over patient care and inquired as to what type of applicants (EMT’s, Fireman, experience) have pending applications with the department.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Motion by Askeland to approve Brad Amos as the **New Rescue Captain**. Seconded by Sorensen. Approved 5-0. Motion carried.
- b. Motion by Sorensen to approve the **Amended Rescue Department By-laws**. Seconded by Wyman. Approved 5-0. Motion carried. Amos gave overview of changes, stating that in order to continue with day to day business they had to adjust the by-laws. Askeland mentions that the Rescue By-laws can be changed at any point with council approval.
- c. Motion by Wyman to **approve Resolution 7-2017 approving payment 2** in the amount of \$111,485.44 according to the **ISG Payment Schedule**. Seconded by Cook. Roll call ayes: Moore, Askeland, Cook, Wyman, Sorensen. Nays: None. Approved 5-0. Motion carried.
- d. Motion by Wyman to approve the **Annual Urban Renewal Report FY 16**. Seconded by Askeland. Approved 5-0. Motion carried.

**MESSAGES AND REMARKS FROM THE CITY MANAGER**

None.

**MESSAGES AND PAPERS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Jeb Peck wanted to thank everyone for their comments. He also stated that he would be willing to meet with everyone from the Rescue department that resigned and come to some kind of agreement.

PROPOSITIONS AND REMARKS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Askeland stated he was shocked that 9 members of the rescue department resigned. Cook stated she would like everyone to get along and hopefully resolve any issues. Moore stated that council wants to make things right. Wyman thanked everyone for coming and he is willing to sit down and talk with any of the members that resigned and would like to schedule a work session in the near future. Sorensen thanked everyone for coming and expressing their concerns and that council listened to everyone's concerns.

Motion by Askeland to adjourn. Seconded by Sorensen. Approved 5-0. 6:35 p.m.