

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, VICTOR, IOWA, JANUARY 26, 2009

The city council met in special session at city hall at 6:30 P.M. Present were council members Robinson, Faga, Cavin, DeNeve. Simmons was absent. Mayor protem Faga called the meeting to order.

The council and Paul Thys, fire chief, discussed fire department affairs and finances.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

The city council met in special session at the fire station at 7:00 P.M. Present were council members Robinson, Cavin, Faga, DeNeve. Simmons was absent. Mayor protem Faga called the meeting to order.

The council met with township trustees of the Victor area fire district and members of the fire department. Trustees were present as follows from the townships in the Victor Area Fire District: Lincoln (Poweshiek); Hartford; Lincoln (Iowa); and Warren. No one was present from Honey Creek.

The trustees reviewed the fire department financial report dated December 31, 2008 (balance in the fire fund \$40,174), the minutes of the city council-trustee meeting held January 28, 2008, and the fire chief's report.

Fire Chief Paul Thys reported:

1. There were 26 total incidents last year: 6 vehicle, 4 rural structure, 4 rural wild land, 8 QRS assist, 1 false alarm city, 1 HAZMAT, and 2 mutual aid (1 Brooklyn, and 1 Ladora).
2. The fire department sponsored fire prevention activities: Battery Up with the American Red Cross to change smoke detector batteries in homes, and Spark and Ash for HLV 3rd grade students.
3. The fire department has 25 active members, 17 at Firefighter I level and 2 at Firefighter II level. Ten members are trained to a First Responder or EMT level. The NFPA 2010 standard is 24 hours per year of training. The Victor Area Fire Department is ahead of this goal.
4. The fire department will replace the 1977 Chevrolet 4x4 brush truck. Taxation money will pay about \$30,000, and the fire department's fund raising money will pay about \$25,000. The fire department will build the brush truck rather than buy a ready made one. This will save significant money.
5. The fire department will continue to update the turnout gear and pursue money grants. Firefighter safety is at the forefront.

6. The fire department's projected budget for 2009 from the taxation fund is to spend \$38,790 -- \$30,000 for the replacement truck and \$8,790 for supplies, equipment, maintenance, fuel, and utilities.

All trustees and city council members agreed to keep the fire department property tax levy at 40.5 cents per one thousand dollars of valuation for the year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

The next city council meeting is Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at city hall.

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Fred Stiefel, city clerk