

**Occidental Community Services District
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2019**

Call to order at 7:00pm.

Public Comment: Diane Masura thanked the board for fixing the light and Carol Schmitt talked about the parade and tree lighting on December 7, asking if the fire station can do anything and was also looking for volunteers to blow and weed.

Consent Calendar

Approval of minutes for October 8, 2019 was made by **Gonnella/Martin, VOTE: 5-0**

Warrants were approved with the addition of two bills, Comm Serv for \$719.42 and McPhails for \$829.40, a deletion of the \$12,000 for Ron Lunardi and along with a change for OCSD from \$124.21 to \$57.37 by **Gonnella/Martin, VOTE: 5-0**

Community Council

Director McNeal has nothing to report.

FIRE

Clerk was directed to cancel Comcast and arrange for Direct TV.

Chief Lunardi reported there were 39 calls for last month. He announced the Election results of a victory at 82.59% which is outstanding. Chief Lunardi thanked the Committee, Firesafe Occidental and Denny Rosatti for their hard work.

Denny Rosatti gave an overview of steps, from sending out a postcard, to having a community meeting, to launching the website. He stated he hasn't seen that overwhelming of a victory in his career and congratulated the District and Community.

Chief Lunardi provided copies of Forestville Fire's draft MOU to the Board and asked the Clerk to place on every agenda. Rather than reinvent the wheel, he feels this draft MOU from Forestville Fire is a good starting point for us and would like to amend it and fine tune it to fit our district.

Chief Lunardi also expressed a desire to join CalPERS and mentioned a potential cost for benefits at about 30% for an Engineer.

The Chief went on to describe the Kincade Fire and how we were involved. We had one engine with three people committed for about 9 days. Then when they hit the All Call, we went three engines and then one more for about 24 hours.

After brief discussion regarding coverage of the fire station during the fires, motion to pay the firefighters staffing fire station was made by **Gonnella/Brown, VOTE: 5-0**

Discussion took place regarding the purchase of a fire truck from Chief Lunardi. Market value of similar and even older trucks were proposed to be valued at about \$19,000. Motion to purchase fire truck from Chief Lunardi for \$12,000 was made by **McNeal/Brown, VOTE: 5-0**. Clerk was instructed to add the warrant request back into the approved warrants earlier in the meeting for payment of the truck.

Director McNeal reported there was a Cal Fire grant available for fire suppression and Fire Safe Occidental has expressed interest in applying. Wondering what sort of suppression ideas could be used. After discussion, a chipper, road clearing and fire breaks, along with open fire trails were all mentioned as ideas to help with fire suppression.

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WATER

No correspondence. Discussion took place regarding water hauling. Director McNeal proposed that allowing water haulers, with permission and conditions to acquire water in town, it would create less wear and tear on our roads, less pollution, and less traffic. Conditions he suggested to start with would be obtaining authorization from RRU, only fill at designated metered source, only available for OCSD boundaries, RRU bills accordingly, and OCSD retains power to revoke at any time. Director McNeal stated he will pursue further and report back. Bill Wadsworth was not in support of this.

COMMUNITY

Resolution 2019-05 Annual Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act was tabled until next meeting. Brief discussion included the way it works is anything over \$1000 is supposed to get bids, but if we adopt this Resolution we can go up to \$60,000 without doing all the bids and noticing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm.

Ray Lunardi, President
December 10, 2019

Melissa Freeman, Clerk