

**City of Converse
Fire and EMS Commission
Minutes of Meeting
December 22, 2008
7 PM**

Be it Known that the Converse Fire and EMS Commission met for a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 22, 2008 at the Converse City Hall Conference Room # 1, 405 S. Seguin Street to Discuss and Act on the Following Agenda:

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Rene Rodriguez, Jr., City Council Liaison, at approximately 7:09 p.m. with the following present:

Mr. Steve Brown, Member
Ms. Lori Simmang, Treasurer
Mr. John Woolery, Member
Mr. Richard Wendt, Fire Chief

Mr. Gerry Rush, Member
Mr. Rene Rodriguez, Jr., City Council Liaison
Mr. Mark Mueller, Alternate
Ms. Kimberly Jacobs, Secretary

Ms. Dorian Jauregui, Chairman, and Mr. Chris Bazany, Vice-Chair, were absent.

Mr. Rene Rodriguez, City Council Liaison, called Meeting to Order due to the Absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chair. A Motion to Have Mr. Steve Brown Act as Chair for this Meeting was Made by Ms. Lori Simmang. Seconded by Mr. Mark Mueller. Motion Passed Unanimously.

2. Recognition of Visitors.

Mr. John Shadron of the B & E Commission was recognized.

3. Citizens to be heard.

There were no "citizens to be heard."

4. Action to Approve Fire and EMS Commission Meeting Minutes of Meeting Conducted November 24, 2008.

Motion to Approve Minutes of Fire and EMS Commission Meeting conducted November 24, 2008, was made by Mr. John Woolery. Seconded by Ms. Lori Simmang. Motion Passed Unanimously.

5. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Kie Sagan for his Volunteer Work on Behalf of the Converse Fire Department and Fire/EMS Commission.

Item was tabled until next schedule meeting. Motion to Table was made by Mr. Mark Mueller. Seconded by Ms. Lori Simmang. Motion Passed Unanimously.

6. Discussion of Legion/VFW Firefighter of the Year Admissions.

After discussion it was decided to Table the VFW portion of Item due to Mr. Chris Bazany's Absence. The Legion portion of Item would return next meeting after Mr. Gerry Rush, Legion Liaison, had an opportunity to discuss Item with other Legion Members.

A Motion to table VFW portion and have Legion portion of Item return next meeting was made by Ms. Lori Simmang. Seconded by Mr. Mark Mueller. Motion Passed Unanimously.

7. Discussion and Action on Candidates for Fireman of the Quarter.

Fire Chief, Mr. Richard Wendt presented two candidates for Consideration for Fireman of the Quarter, Mr. Justin Dalton and Mr. William Seaman. After brief discussion, A Motion to Approve Mr. Justin Dalton for Fireman of the Quarter was made by Mr. John Woolery. Seconded by Mr. Gerry Rush. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Award to be presented at next City Council Meeting on January 6, 2009.

8. Discussion of Fireman's Picnic to be Held the First Saturday in April.

Details discussed were as follows:

- Check on Availability of Pavilion at City Park for that Weekend.
- Possibility of Seeking Assistance from Parks and Recreation Commission.
- Fire Chief, Mr. Richard Wendt, will be contacting Kirby Fire Department concerning Expenses, etc.
- Ms. Lori Simmang suggested postponing until more Monies and Volunteers were available.
- Mr. Steve Brown suggested postponement for a couple of years and Host Event as an Alumni Organization.

Discussion of Item will Continue at next Fire and EMS Commission Meeting on January 26, 2009.

9. Discussion on the Responsibilities of the Fire/EMS Commission and any changes Commission would like City Council to consider concerning Ordinance 319.

Mr. Steve Brown reported that the Current Commission would be established as a Non-Profit Organization by April 2009. Fire Chief, Mr. Richard Wendt, reported briefly on the Outline of an Alumni-Type Organization.

10. Final Treasurer’s Report on “A Breakfast with Santa.”

Ms. Lori Simmang, Treasurer, reported that the total expenses for this event were \$485.03. The total deposit equaled \$1426.31 leaving a profit of \$941.28. The current Bank Account Balance for the Fire and EMS Commission is \$4011.55.

11. Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting.

- Item #5 Return
- Item #6 Return
- Item #8 Return
- Certificates of Appreciation to “A Breakfast with Santa” Volunteers

12. Briefing by City Council Liaison.

Mr. Rene Rodriguez reported on the following:

- Mr. Mike Scoggins (Police Dept) took over duties of Code Compliance Officer.
- Ms. Kimberly Molder (Police Dept) took over duties of Community Service Officer.
- City Council is Continuing the Codification of Ordinances

13. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7 p.m.

14. Adjournment.

Mr. Steve Brown, Acting Chair, Adjourned Meeting at Approximately 9:10 p.m.