

## December 2015 Meeting Minutes

### Call to order

Meeting called to order 7:02 pm

Members Present: Susan Harvey, Warren Iverson, Steve Hiester, Lorraine Blacklock, Hank Haynes, Peter Rimbos, Sue Neuner, Rhys Sterling (7:35), Rob Morris (7:50)

Members Absent: Tara Ford (submitted a letter asking to be considered a "Member at Large"), Craig Duckering – Proxy, Lorraine Blacklock, Nikki Long – Proxy, Peter Rimbos

Motion to accept agenda: Warren Iverson. Second Peter Rimbos. Motion carries unanimously

### Public Comment Period:

Marrissa - 2015 grant check processed and sent out

### Guest Speaker: Fire District 43 – Chief Brad Dorflinger

Chief Doerflinger presented his report on different options for funding Fire District 43 in the coming years including a potential "Contract for Service" with the Kent Fire District being considered by the Board of Commissioners, which will meet on January 7, 2016, to decide on any consolidation.

A Steering Committee--consisting of 16 local citizens, 2 Commissioners, and 2 Fire Chief Officers--was formed in September to discuss three potential options to fund Fire District 43's future operational and capital needs: (1) Continue merger conversations with the Kent Regional Fire Authority seeking economies of scale and shared resources (existing stations would remain open and in service); (2) Remain independent and present to the voters a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC); and (3) Remain independent and continue current funding mechanisms.

Currently Fire District 43 is funded through periodic Levies and Bond measures, which are based on assessed valuation and have ceilings and other limitations that cause available funding to vary annually.

Should the Board of Commissioners vote to not consider a merger with the Kent Fire District at its January 7 meeting, then the other options will be studied further.

### Council Business

#### Comprehensive Plan

Peter Rimbos reported some of the recommendations submitted by GMVUAC were used in PRD, others not, which precipitated the Growth management and Transportation Committees to develop respective sets of recommendations to submit:

#### Growth Management:

Rob Morris moved to accept Growth Management Committee submissions. Second – Hank Haynes. Motions carried – Unanimously

#### Transportation:

Rob Morris Moved to accept Transportation Committee submissions. Second – Hank Haynes. Motion Carries – unanimously

#### Election/Survey Update

Ballots/Surveys mailed 12/04/2015

11,000 Ballots/Surveys mailed

Cost \$6,000.00 (bubble sheets & collation/postage – printing free)

Due to cost GMVUAC is evaluating this election in order to ascertain the validity of electing its members

#### Officer Elections 2016

Chairman – Steve Hiester

Vice Chairman – Rhys Sterling

Treasurer – Sue Neuner

Recording Secretary – Lorraine Blacklock

Corresponding Secretary – Peter Rimbos

Discussion ensued and all officers elected by acclamation.

Peter Rimbo made motion to provide a gift to Treasa, our web site manager, \$400.00. Second Hank Haynes. Motion carried unanimously

Meeting Adjourned – 9:35 pm