Hays County Emergency Services District No. 5 (HCESD No.5)
Kyle Fire Department Miller-Whitaker Station 1
210 W. Moore St. - Kyle, Texas 78640

Joint Workshop of the HCESD No. 5 Board of Directors and the City of Kyle City Council and Staff
May 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. The workshop was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and quorum established with Commissioners Eric Holen, Susan Meckel, Beth Smith and Paul Terry present. Commissioner Mike Fulton was absent. City of Kyle Mayor Johnson and Council Members Bellow-LeMense, Bryant, Hervol, and Wilson were present, and City staff members Earp, Lambert and Sanchez attended. Hays County Commissioner Ray Whisenant was present.

2. Public comments on agenda items were offered by Lila Knight reminding City Council that residents were assured there would be no tax raise because sales tax should cover costs of services and Council should not give sales tax away.

3. Discussion was held on matters relating to HCESD No. 5 emergency response services regarding City and ESD function, jurisdiction and authority, interaction, needs, requirements, and long-term planning; including but not limited to matters of finance, facilities and equipment, and contractual matters. ESD BOD explained the function and financial options and limitations of the ESD. The City will research possible creation of an EMS ESD, and will draft MOU/agreements regarding fleet insurance and facilities use of Station 2 for ESD consideration. The ESD will consider options regarding Engine 22 currently under City of Kyle title, and a previously donated command vehicle at the next regular business meeting. The City and ESD will explore partnering opportunities regarding fire station property and equipment. The ESD will publish a press release regarding favorable ISO rating from Class 7 to Class 4 which should result in insurance rate reductions for homeowners in the District.

4. Discussion was held on proposed MOU from Monarch Utilities relating to utility system use by the Kyle Fire Department for fire suppression. The City explained legislation they have initiated regarding use of black fire hydrants and requirements for fire suppression from systems. The City will keep the ESD apprised of developments regarding the proposed legislation.

5. Discussion was held on possible sales and use tax collection by the HCESD No. 5. The City and ESD will continue to explore options for funding, and consideration of an agreement on possible future sales tax collections.

6. The workshop was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Meckel, Secretary
HCESD No. 5

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