



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAKLEY CITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 30, 2023

Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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In Attendance:

City Administration: Council: Zane Woolstenhulme, Mayor; Councilmembers Joe Frazier, Kelly Kimber, Tom Smart; Absent: Councilmembers Dave Neff and Steve Wilmoth

City Staff: City Recorder, Amy Rydalch;

Others/Public in Attendance:

South Summit Fire District Commissioner Dave Ure, Summit County Manager Shane Scott, Members of the Public: Adam Murphy, Erryn Murphy; Public on Zoom: North summit fire district chief Nielsen, Larry Leifsen, (?)Holbrook, Krista (?).

1. Mayor Woolstenhulme called the meeting to order.
 - a. Mayor Woolstenhulme offered the invocation.
 - b. City Recorder Rydalch led the pledge of allegiance.
2. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON THE EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR THE COMMUNITY, Commissioner Ure and County Manager Scott.

During this segment of the meeting, **County Manager Scott** provided information about a proposed change in the provision of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in the County. Main points of the proposed changes discussed are:

- Park City Fire Department has been involved in EMS for the County for several years. However, due to the breadth of the coverage area a discussion about how to best provide EMS services led to considerations about efficiency and effectiveness.
- The County retained the services of "SAVE" to perform a study of County EMS services. Based upon their findings a model for providing EMS services on a county-wide basis was presented to the County.
- It is proposed to establish a county-wide basic medical service that would operate on a 24/7 basis. The cost of this basic service for the county would be \$4.2 million annually.
- It was explained that the EMS service would be staffed by paramedics and rescue personnel, at each of the three distinct districts.

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- The proposal emphasized the idea of using the existing infrastructure of the fire districts for EMS services.
- The key distinction of this proposal is that the county would provide the financial means from the County's General fund and distribute to the three fire districts for their management of EMS services in their respective regions.
- Mention was made of mutual aid agreements between the three districts, which would come into play when one district needs assistance from another.

Commissioner Ure addressed the Council to express the involvement and support of the South Summit Fire District. The Main points of his presentation included:

- A change in operations was necessary to ensure consistency, control, and improvement of services, allows for district to levy.
- It was noted that while he believes this improve EMS services in the future, he expects a status quo in the current service levels until some of the changes can be implemented i.e. billing system, hiring of personnel etc.
- The hiring of personnel will be challenging as they will need to hire personnel cross-trained as EMTs and firefighters and highlighted the challenges and costs associated with this.
- The speaker mentioned that a full-time fire chief is in the process of being hired to assist with managing the transition and future operations.
- Concerns were raised about the potential impact on taxes and the importance of using funds efficiently.
- Pointed out the benefit of having independence in the Fire District – local control and accountability.

The discussion ended with **Councilmembers Smart, Frazier, and Kimber** getting clarification on number of calls, availability of ambulances, County's financial commitment, and the impact of a district tax increase.

It was agreed that the Council would take the discussion up at their next meeting in September and formally commit to the proposed Interlocal Agreement at that time.

3. Adjournment.

Approval is to form this 27 day of September, 2023.


Zane Woolstenhulme, Mayor


Amy Rydalch, City Recorder

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