

## **February 2026 Meeting Minutes**

### **Called to Order:** 19:47

Accept minutes, motion Church, second Kelan

### **Presidents Report:**

Eckert Reports,

-City council, three elected sworn in. Some appointments made, Kenny- Assoc. ID Cities rep, JPB rep. Evans, Miller- Ignite. Evans-Council President, general council

-New mayor relationship is off to a fine start

-as seen in emails IAFF passed at national level and improvement to occupational cancer benefit

-E Board approved \$800 for a fallen workers memorial Morrison/Gaines addition. This was a time sensitive decision.

-Division Chief Reorg update

-anticipated this going through at last nights council meeting.

-skids weren't greased enough evidently, some last minute questions despite efforts to educate, some concerns about meeting laws which proved unfounded

-will now be covered in gen session and passed in consent schedule next meeting

-ultimately left with a two week delay

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Paul reports,

-Voting tonight on budget

-Motion, McCormick, approve budget as presented by E-board/Treasurer, second Bieker

-FY25 expected vs actual budget comparison presented.

- Revenue impacted by overtime; approximately \$12,600 currently in the black.
- New budget items reviewed:
  - COLA increase approved.
  - Banquet budget set at \$7,500 (change from prior year).
  - \$15K allocated for travel/training, primarily Colorado Springs (Morrison/Tyson).
  - No other significant changes noted.
  - IAFF increase is absorbed into the budget.
- Budget reflects approximately \$17K added early in cycle; memorized expenses included.
- One-time expenses discussed.
- Revenue projections reviewed; budget remains stable.
- Savings balance discussed; approximately \$300K on hand.

Unanimous pass.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Insurance:**

Judge reports

- NW Trust insurance options reviewed.
- possible census of members and dependents discussed.

### **Health and Fitness:**

Torfin,

Takes straw poll of support for renewing teambuildr, support shown to renew

Clark/Neko,

Expect some info on take away from pocatello sleep class

### **Memorial:**

Hoston reports

- Five memorials anticipated in the coming year.
    - PFFI memorials forthcoming; specifics still developing.
    - Workers Memorial scheduled for April 28.
    - Emmetsburg VA memorial scheduled for May 2–3.
    - Anniversary memorial at Cherry Hill scheduled for June 29.
  - Colorado Springs memorial discussed:
    - Local 710 will fully fund the needs of the Morrison family.
    - Some needs will be covered by the International while on site.
    - Members attending are responsible for their own expenses, with the exception of a Saturday night dinner covered by Local 710.
  - Hoston tracking number of members planning to attend Colorado Springs.
- Members asked to communicate attendance intent by December 31.

### **PAC:**

Hoston,

- Pac works, but it doesn't do itself
- May primary, midterms
- get in touch if you want involved

### **1st District:**

Bieker,

- legislative session beginning
- going down on monday, will get pffi resolutions and share them

### **Old Business:**

-PFFI:

Four members attending. McCormick, Hoston, Eckert, McGarvin

Fire Chief Position:

Discussion regarding filling the Fire Chief role.  
Meeting held with the new mayor; discussion productive.  
The mayor expressed intent to fill the position by March.  
Discussion on avoiding delays to permanent appointments.  
Transition overlap discussed.

Division Chief:

See President's Report for update.

Colorado Springs / Tysdal Memorial:

Travel for the Tysdals to Colorado Springs will be covered.  
Dodd was identified as primary contact for the family.  
Additional members attending are responsible for their own expenses.

**New Business:**

Nominations for Secretary, President, and Executive Board (two seats) to be held next meeting.

Interested members are encouraged to reach out with questions.

Bieker Hoston state they will not be running for Executive Board.

Banquet scheduled for April 17th (Friday).

Location pending.

Goal of increased recognition beyond traditional awards discussed.

Committee to be formed for awards vetting and outreach by March 10th.

Policy / Mandatory Committee discussion:

-Motion proposed for Executive Board to approach administration for one-year trial period for proposed changes.

-Church spoke on proposed changes brought by committee.

-Proposed policy displayed; top-down from OT list.

-Separate holiday list discussed.

-Much Discussion

Question raised regarding reset date following Thanksgiving.

EP offered friendly amendment to change reset date to November 15.

EP requested online vote.

Lengthy discussion on holiday mandates and two-year impact.

Amendment proposed regarding exclusive member selection language.

Discussion on 4-hour minimum language.

Call for the question made by EP; item sent to online vote open for seven days.

-Moore motions for retirement gift to Chief Sells in standard amount.

-Motion seconded.

-Vote: 17 in favor, 6 against.

-Motion passes.

-Cody to lead Chief Sells' retirement gift.

**Good and welfare:**

- Congratulations extended to McLaren and Rhodes on completion of probation.
- CDA Firefighters to be recognized at upcoming Fight for the Fish game. Tribute planned for John, Frank, and Dave.
- Thanks extended to helpers at Santa Photos, Laville
- Thanks extended to Mobile Santa helpers, Bieker

**Move to adjourn 20:43**

Written by McCormick

Second half notes provided by T.Hixson

