



CITY OF ROME and FLOYD COUNTY GEORGIA



FIRE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

August 9, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

Sam King Room

Rome/Floyd Fire Overview Committee met at 10:30AM on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, in the Sam King Room.

Members present:

Sammy Rich, City Manager
Jamie, McCord, County Manager
Bonney Askew, City Commissioner
Wright Bagby, County Commissioner - Chairman

Troy Brock, Fire Chief
Brad Roberson, Deputy Chief
Jamie Stone, Division Chief
Clete Bonney, Division Chief
Mary Catherine Chewning, Fire Marshal
Toni Rhinehart, Finance Director

Members absent: Mark Cochran, City Commissioner, Scotty Hancock, County Commissioner, and John Blalock, Public Safety Division Director.

Additional attendees present: Doug Walker, Public Information Officer, and Rome News Tribune Representative
Commissioner Wright Bagby, Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:35AM.

Minutes of the May 2022 meeting were approved by common consent.

I. **Financial Statements** - Finance Director Toni Rhinehart discussed financials for June 2022. Total revenues for Fire reached 8.3 million. Rhinehart stated that personal service expenses are up \$227,000 from last year and are currently over budget for the year due to pay increases. The cash balance was 1.5 million at the end of June 2022. Rhinehart stated that fund balance was 3.5 million at the end of June.

II. **Fire Chief Report**

- **May-June-July Stats** – Fire Marshal Mary Catherine Chewning reported May was extremely busy with a total of 597 runs, compared to June with 499 runs, and July with 615 runs for the month. Chewning stated that the city had 293 runs in May, 276 in June, and 305 in July. Chewning stated that the County had 303 in May, 233 in June, and 309 in July. Inspections totaled 123 for the month of May, 107 in June, and 126 in July. Chewning stated that in May there were 3 structure fires compared to the 5 in June and 8 in July. Chewning stated that in the month of June there was 1 fire fatality and 1 burn victim. For the Month of May Education hosted 5th grade classes at administration with 25 classes total reaching over 43,667 residents. Education had 11 classes in June reaching over 41,969 residents, and for July Education had 20 classes reaching over 54,933 residents.
- **Operations** – Division Chief Clete Bonney mentioned there are many new projects coming later in the year for the department. Bonney stated The Imagine Music Festival is coming to the area in September. The festival expects between 20-40 thousand people each day. Bonney stated the

festival will be held at Kingston Downs. Preparations for the Air Show and River Jam are underway. Commissioner Bagby asked if the Imagine Festival was a joint project? Bonney stated that we were asked to assist Bartow County Fire Departments due to the size of the concert.

- **Support Report** – Division Chief Jamie Stone stated the department conducted a special needs awareness class. This class taught our firefighters how to interact with mental health, behavioral, and physical needs. Stone stated training conducted a fire behavioral class that helped refresh the basics. This week at the training tower they are doing a relay operation drill. Chief Stone mentioned that 14 recruits graduated in May and are currently on the truck doing rotations throughout the stations. Stone stated that at the end of this month the department will begin a Corporal and Sergeant promotional process.
- **Manpower** – Deputy Chief Brad Roberson stated that the department is in the process of a concept designs for a proposed new station 1. Roberson stated that a zoom meeting was scheduled for this Friday with Croft and Associates. Roberson mentioned that a hiring process would begin after the first of the year hoping to fill the 3 new positions and 4 vacant positions. Chief Roberson stated the department will be doing a promotion ceremony to honor those promoted since 2020.
- **Other** – Chief Brock stated the 9/11 ceremony will be held on Friday, September 9th. Chief Brock stated that after the meeting Fire Marshal Mary Catherine Chewning will receive this years Front Line Award by The Exchange Club.

III. **Proposed Property** – City Manager Sammy Rich stated we have an opportunity to look at a piece of real estate on 411 across from Tractor Supply. Rich stated this is a proposed concept of new development. The concept is to have a partnership with the property owner to help gain access into the parcel in exchange for a 2.6-acre parcel. This parcel could be used to develop a fire station. Chief Brock mentioned this would be an additional station. Brock stated this property is exactly 5 miles from the proposed industrial complex. Chief Brock stated by putting a station on this property it would cover approximately 20,000 additional residents. Chief Brock stated that to use this property the department would need a dedicated lane to exit and, the ability to stop traffic to exit for emergency calls.

Adjourned 11:21AM

Respectfully Submitted,

Shana Williamson



Operations Coordinator