

Mayor Pro-Tem Bob Fateley called the special meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Members present were Kris Dawson, Jerry Tretwold and David Freels. Mayor Lee Webster and Council Member Art Smyth were absent. A quorum was present. Also present were Finance Director Pamela Olsen, Public Works Director JD Smith and Deputy Clerk Desha Dawson.

**TERMINATION OF THE 2003 EMS DISTRICT #15 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT AND THE 1973 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #15 INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT**

Mayor Pro-Tem, Bob Fateley, stated that Council is meeting today to terminate the two Okanogan-Douglas County District #15 Interlocal agreements; one being the 2003 EMS agreement and the other being the 1973 Fire Protection agreement. He also stated that since we will be negotiating new agreements with the Fire District #15, the previous (old) agreements must be terminated first.

Council Member Dawson stated she did not understand why we needed to terminate these two interlocal agreements. Finance Director Pamela Olsen stated that the current contracts will up for renewal and we need to terminate the current agreements to begin negotiations on the new contract/agreements.

Council Member Dawson asked why we had to terminate these agreements today. She went on to ask why we could not meet with the District and begin negotiations with the agreements to follow, once the City and the District have had time to discuss the needs of the City and the District. Council Member Dawson is concerned that if we try to change too much too fast, the District might pull their trucks out of the Fire Hall. Council Member Fateley is concerned about this as well, but stated that he is comfortable making the decision to terminate these agreements today, but would like to make it clear that the Fire Chief and the fire fighters are included in the negotiation process with the Commissioners.

Council Member Tretwold stated that he and Council Member Freels as well as Finance Director Pamela Olsen had met with the District before, which proved very unproductive, and hopes this time will be different. Council Member Tretwold stated that we need to start somewhere with the negotiations and consider things such as possible rental fees for the Fire Hall. Council Member Fateley stated we need to be cautious going into these negotiations as we would like to make sure that we all work together to come to an agreement that is beneficial for the City and the District.

**MOTION:** Council Member Tretwold moved to approve authorizing Council Member Fateley to terminate the 2003 EMS District #15 Interlocal Agreement and the 1973 Fire Protection District #15 Interlocal Agreement. He also stated that Council Member Freels, Finance Director Pamela Olsen and himself, Council Member Tretwold, will begin work with the Okanogan-Douglas County District #15 to come up with new agreements, as well as regular public notification of the negotiation process.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to come before the Council the special meeting was adjourned at 3:25p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem, Robert Fateley

ATTEST:

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City Clerk/Finance Director Pamela Olsen, MMC