

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CITY OF SEAFORD ANTIQUE FIRE TRUCK RESTORATION COMMITTEE

August 26, 2019

4:30 PM

Councilman Dan Henderson called the Antique Fire Truck Restoration Meeting to order with the following people present: Mike Vincent, Wayne Rigby, John Botdorf, Ric Marvel, Ron Marvel, Mark O'Bier, Randy O'Bier and Barry Calhoun.

Councilman Henderson stated that he understands that a meeting has not been held this with committee for several years and he wanted to meet to discuss a path forward.

Councilman Henderson presented New Business #1 – discuss the status of engine #1. A discussion was then held about the age of Engine #1 which is owned by the City. It is a 1919 engine; however, it was not purchased until 1921. Councilman Henderson asked the current condition and needs for engine #1. Ric Marvel stated that it is need of a radiator soon; the front of the radiator it is leaking. A price was given a few years ago of \$8,000 to replace it, however, it has probably increased in cost since then. Councilman Henderson stated that he would like to find a funding source to be able to replace the radiator.

Mr. Calhoun pointed out that the engine is not taken out of town unless it is in an enclosed trailer.

A price was also given to restore the truck in the amount of \$100,000.00.

A discussion was then held about engine #4 which is housed in the same building as engine #1. Mr. Rigby stated that the fire department takes care of engine #4 and gets it serviced each year. He also pointed out that it is getting hard to find people to work on engine #1 due to the age and type.

Mark O'Bier asked if the City carried insurance on the two engines; it was stated that it was believed so. He asked if an updated appraisal has been completed on both engines in the event of something happening to them and for proper value. Councilman Henderson stated that he would follow up to see if one needed to be completed.

Councilman Henderson then presented New Business #2 – discuss the status of the building where engine #1 is located (fire museum). Ric Marvel stated that there are some leaks around the windows that need to be repaired. He added that he has contacted Mike Bailey at the City in reference to the issue but is unsure of the status. The building was also recently painted. It was requested that the street sweeper go through the parking lot once a month on Sundays when High Street is done. Councilman Henderson stated that he would follow up on that.

A discussion was then held about who has possession of keys for the building. It was decided to look into if the City has a list of those that have keys. The keys need to be signed out at the City office due to the building being owned by the City.

Councilman Henderson then presented New Business #3 – Committee members reports and correspondence. Mr. Rigby stated that the museum is never open to the public and asked if a schedule could be done to allow it to be opened more. He also suggested putting up an open and closed sign and have a number listed to arrange tours on that sign. He would like to see the museum being more accessible to the public.

Mr. Calhoun stated that he would like to see new signs made up for the trucks for when they are in parades. He added that he would like to include on the signs the type of trucks that they are since most people are not aware. These signs will need to be custom made and made with materials that will not damage the trucks.

Mr. Vincent asked if the committee had any money? It was stated that there are no funds available.

Mr. Rigby asked if a schedule could be completed for the committee to meet more often. Councilman Henderson suggested a quarterly meeting schedule.

With no further questions or comments, Councilman Henderson asked for a motion to adjourn. Mark O’Bier moved to close the meeting; Rick Marvel seconded the motion. The motion so passed with all present voting in favor. Councilman Henderson adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

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Tracy Torbert, City Clerk