

MINUTES
 General Employee Injury Review Board
 Thursday, October 24th, 2013
 City Council Conference Room
 Wayne Gilley City Hall
 9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Vu at 9:35 am.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Ha Vu, Chairperson
 Don Schaefer, Safety Rep
 Trudy Kastner, Human Resources

Members Absent: Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Office*
 Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works Safety Officer*

Others Present: Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
 Britt Hubbard, Safety Rep
 James Bearbow, Safety Rep
 Chew Allen, Safety Rep
 Stephen Sellman, Safety Rep
 Tiffani Burk – HR

Excused*

Unexcused**

2. Minutes

A. Approval of minutes of August 22nd, 2013

Motion to approve minutes by Schaefer with a second by Vu.

AYES: Schaefer & Vu NAYS: None Abstain: Kastner Motion carried.

3. Old Business
 None

4. New Business

A. Anthony Triche'-SWC (8/19/13)

Mr. Triche' was not present.

Mr. Triche' dumped a cart with insulation in it. The insulation was blowing around. He rubbed his eyes under his safety glasses and about 15 or 20 minutes later his right eye became irritated.

Motion was made by Kastner with second by Schaefer to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

B. Christopher Mercer-Sewer Construction (8/28/13)

Mr. Mercer was present. Safety Rep Britt Hubbard was also present.

Mr. Mercer was walking along a ditch line when a bug flew in his ear. He was not wearing hearing protection because he was not in need of hearing protection. He had sharp pain. He used his glasses to get it out. The doctor said he had scrapped his ear when he used the glasses.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

C. Pratap Ganti-Sewer Construction (9/12/13)

Mr. Ganti was present. Safety Rep Britt Hubbard was also present.

Mr. Ganti said he was getting out of the truck and it was in an alley. There was grass and he couldn't see the uneven ground. He lost his balance and to avoid falling down he rested his arm on the truck. It aggravated his left shoulder. He had just had rotator cuff surgery on that shoulder and was going through physical therapy. He had a MRI and the doctor said there was no damage. He was just ordered to continue physical therapy. He had a full release to return to work before this incident.

Motion was made by Hubbard with second by Schaefer to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

D. Robin Dale-Streets (9/3/13)

Mr. Dale was not present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was present.

Mr. Dale was pulling concrete pins and breaking concrete up with a claw hammer. While swinging the hammer hard, he hit the back of his head causing a cut and giving him a headache.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Vu to rule this as Preventable with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

E. Terry Justus-Streets (9/11/13)

Mr. Justus was not present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was present.

Mr. Justus was in a vehicle accident at 2nd and C Ave in unit 7306 with Robin Dale. He started getting a headache that day after the accident and it didn't go away. The next day he woke up with a pounding headache and was dizzy.

Motion was made by Bearbow with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

F. Eric Tienter-Streets (10/2/13)

Mr. Tienter was present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was also present.

Mr. Tienter said he had surgery on this shoulder before. He was driving a 10 wheel dump truck at the sludge pits near Medicine Park, his shoulder started aching. He thought it was arthritis and he thought it was because of the weather change. Then it started getting worse. So he went in and told his supervisor. He went to the doctor and they said he had two tears. He said when he was outside the truck it didn't hurt as bad. When he would sit down to drive the truck that is when it would start going down his neck, his head, across his collarbone, his chest and the back of his arm. That is when he thought it probably was not arthritis. He said he goes the 29th to see Dr. Wright to see if he will have surgery. He waited to report it because he thought it was just part of getting older but it kept getting worse.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with Prejudice with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

G. James Pierce-Water Distribution (9/4/13)

Mr. Pierce was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present.

Mr. Pierce said he was working on a fire hydrant trying to get the stem out so they could repair it. They had been working on it and something in the fire hydrant broke. He slipped off of it and twisted his knee. He said he felt a pull in his knee when it happened and then as the day progressed it started hurting a little more than normal. He never lost any time off.

Motion was made by Kastner with second by Vu to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

H. Leo Berndsen-WWC (9/23/13)

Mr. Berndsen was not present. Safety Rep Chew Allen was present.

Mr. Berndsen was raising the hood of a one ton dump truck to check the fluids when he felt a sharp pain in his upper right shoulder.

Motion was made by Allen with second by Vu to table this injury.

AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

I. Camron Sellers-WWM (9/30/13)

Mr. Sellers was not present. Safety Rep Chew Allen was present. Mr. Sellers is no longer a City of Lawton employee. Mr. Sellers was removing a 6 ft. chain link fence by dragging it threw heavy thick brush. Part of the fence on top got caught on a 4" diameter and 1.5 ft tall stump and it pulled him forward and his back and middle to upper part started to hurt.

Motion was made by Schaefer with second by Vu to rule this as Preventable with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

J. Darrin Hall-Neighborhood Services (9/30/13)

Mr. Hall was present. Safety Rep Stephen Sellman was also present.

Mr. Hall stated that he was walking in the east side of City Hall down the ramp. He guessed someone had spilled some water or cleaned a mess up and left the bottom of the ramp wet. He hit the water and his feet went straight out from underneath him. Ha Vu asked if he was carrying anything. He said he was carrying a clipboard and a camera. He said it is kind of down in a hole and if you come in from the door, it is dark. If you come in from outside and it is raining, it is slick. But this was a clear day. He wasn't expecting anything down there. Stephen said something similar had happened to him before but he wasn't hurt. That is why the rugs were put there. Actually Bruce put down some kind of anti-slip coating on the floor. But if it is raining you have to hold onto the rail because it is slick. Stephen said because of the angle and the lighting, you can't see if there is something on the floor. The water was leading from the IT door to the bottom of the ramp. If you were looking up the ramp you could see it but if you were coming down the ramp you could not see it.

Motion was made by Sellman with second by Schaefer to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None, Motion carried.

5. Consider any other injuries reported:
None

6. Communication/Discussion:

7. Adjournment:
Motion by Schaefer with second by Vu to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 am.