

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
February 3rd , 2015
Public Meeting Room #3
City Hall
212 SW 9th St.
1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 1:30 pm.

1. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rusty Wright, Chairman
Dennis Bothell, Equipment Maintenance
Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works Safety Rep
James Bearbow, Safety Rep
Michael McCollum, Safety Rep
Chew Allen, Safety Rep
Sue Smith, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of January 6, 2015

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to approve the minutes of January 6, 2015. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Dennis Moore –SWC (11/25/14)- Appeal

Mr. Moore sent a statement to Candy Brown that he checked the wrong box on the memo sent to him. He did not want to appeal the board's decision of his accident on 11/25/14.

4. New Business:

A. Donald Cox –Streets (1/19/15)

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

Mr. Cox said he is able to run an 865 motor grader now but he is still new on it. He said they were finished with the road and putting in fresh dirt. He also said he was running the motor grader on a slope and he had his blade reached out and he saw the mailbox. Cox said as he was going and pulling dirt his blade began to slide and the ripper bar at the end of the blade which overhangs the tires about two or three inches caught the edge of the mailbox. Bothell asked if it was the blade that caught the mailbox or the ripper bar. Cox said the ripper bar. Everyone looked at the pictures to see the equipment and the slope that Cox was talking about. Cox said he was on loose dirt and they had just laid topsoil around the mailbox.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Non-preventable Collision with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Steve Adams- WD (12/2/14)

Mr. Adams was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Mr. Adams said they wanted a fire hydrant put in the Public Works yard between Animal Welfare and Sewer Rehab. He said they had located lines for him and he started digging. He also said his guys got in the hole and found a cable which was suppose to be the phone line. Adams said he scooted over about two feet and started digging again. He said there was another cable that went into the same box. Adams said they hit that cable. He said his locate showed one cable only. Whisenhunt said the locate was for an AT& T cable but the cable Adam's cut was the City owned cable which distributed through the whole yard through the Animal Welfare education building.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Non-preventable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Steve Adams- WD (1/9/15)

Mr. Adams was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Mr. Adams said it was very cold that morning. He said the backhoe has latches on the windows that you push in to move the window down and it has two windows. Adams said the first window slipped down fine but the second window the latches must have been frozen because he had to stand up to push on them. He said once he got the latches pushed in the window went down and shattered. Whisenhunt asked if the latch was broken before they went to the job site. Adams said no and he thought it was frozen.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as a Non-preventable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Garland Bussey- WD (11/17/14)

Mr. Bussey was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Mr. Bussey said he parked his City vehicle in front of his house and an hour later he heard a bang like someone through a can in the bed of the truck and he looked outside and saw nothing. He said when he was halfway to work the next day, he noticed the outside mirror was broken around the frame. Bussey said a few days later he noticed the hubcap was damaged and dents in the side of the truck. He said he got a police report and noticed a lot of glass which meant whoever hit his truck must have broken their window.

Motion by Wright with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Non-preventable Collision with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Richard Botts– WD (1/8/15)

Mr. Botts was not present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Whisenhunt, after reading the report, said it looks like he pivoted the boom and swung around and let the boom down (front bucket) and hit the branches of a tree and broke the head light and turn signal. Spencer, Bott's supervisor, said Botts was stationed and lifted the boom to set himself over and hit the tree. Brown said the report reads like Botts was moving. Spencer said no.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Richard Botts– WD (1/9/15)

Mr. Botts was not present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Bothell said they have boards that they put on the sides of the dump trucks to prevent damage to the metal portion and Botts hit the board and broke it. Whisenhunt said the cost of one of the boards is about thirty dollars. He said Botts was moving and hit it. Wright said these boards are there to prevent serious damage. Bothell said it is a lot cheaper to replace the boards than the

whole side of the truck.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points reduced one (1) point due to minimal damage with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Mike Spencer– WD (11/25/14)

Mr. Spencer was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Whisenhunt asked if he was operating this. Spencer said yes. He said they were digging up the 24 inch main and hit a 2 inch gas line. Spencer said he thought it was marked wrong. He said it was marked as being on top of or under the water main so he dug on the south side of the water main. Spencer said that is when he hit the gas line. He said there should be pictures of it. Brown said she rarely gets pictures from this division and she didn't get any for this incident. Spencer said the gas line actually went on the north side and went underneath the water main and came up on the south side.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Non-preventable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

H. Bobby Finley– WD (12/4/14)

Mr. Finley was not present. Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Mr. Whisenhunt said this happened at the same place as Spencer's accident. He said the repair didn't hold, so Finley had to cut another piece of pipe and go back to the same place about a week later to repair it and hit the 2 inch gas line again.

Motion by Brown with second by Whisenhunt to table this accident until the next meeting to get further information .

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

I. Matt Brown– Landfill (12/11/14)

Mr. Brown was present. Safety Rep Michael McCollum was also present.

Mr. Brown said he was backing a dump truck on the slope. He said he was covering the refuse with dirt and backing up between a dozer and other vehicles there. Matt said he pulled in at an angle and started dumping and the dump truck tipped. Bothell said it was a new off road dump truck and it is an articulating dump truck which is designed to break away and fall over without

taking the cab with it. Bothell asked how long he had been on the truck. Matt said that was his first day. McCollum said the only damage was the wiring harness. Matt said he had it in park and was starting to dump it when this happened. Whisenhunt said he was at an angle. Matt said he could have pulled forward and straightened it up and this wouldn't have happened. Bothell said when you lift the load, it is so high up that the center of gravity is off and it went over.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point reduced by one (1) point due to lack of training with a total of zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

J. Micheal Cooper– WWM (1/12/15)

Mr. Cooper was present. Safety Rep Chew Allen was also present.

Mr. Cooper said he was digging for the sewer main and had several guys spotting for him. He said he was dragging back and the cables don't run straight but run up and down and several ways so he caught a phone line. Wright asked if he knew it was there. Cooper said no because they couldn't see it. Wright asked if it was marked. Allen said yes there was a utility locate but they don't always run in a straight line and go up and down. Bothell asked what the rules are when fixing a sewer main. He said you call in a locate to see what is there and asked if they give them an estimate of how deep the utility lines are. Whisenhunt said they refuse to do that and said the franchise agreement with them is to have them bury 30 inches deep. Bothell asked Cooper if he was an experienced operator. Cooper said yes. He said the spotter can dig for you and when you go to scrape where he has been you may get a cable since they run up and down.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

K. Phillip Cummings– SWC (12/18/14)

Mr. Cummings was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Brown said a resident of the apartment complex called this in but the manager didn't see it happen. She said the driver said he didn't break the wall. Brown said there was no police report because there was no evidence and the manager was told he can fill out a damage claim. Brown said at this time there was no tort claim on this.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to table this accident as unfounded at this time.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

L. Phillip Cummings– SWC (1/6/15)

Mr. Cummings was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Whisenhunt said this was basically two reports drafted into one. Brown said she would request this be made into two reports so the board can see the employees involved.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to table this accident until the next meeting so there can be two reports for this accident.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

M. Clint Macias– SWC (12/18/14)

Mr. Macias was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Bothell said Macias was driving a rear load truck and there is a cable that pulls the dumpster over and a sweep blade that comes out and pulls it back into the hopper. Brown said the whole dumpster fell in. Bothell said the blade came down on the dumpster and damaged it. Wright asked if Macias was running the blade while dumping another one. Bothell said yes. Wright said someone had to initiate both the blade and cable at the same time.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

N. Chris Stearns– SWC (1/8/15)

Mr. Stearns was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was not present but Public Works Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

Mr. Wright said while reading the report Stearns dumped a cart with a one-arm and when he brought the cart down, the wind blew the lid open and it hit and damaged the mailbox. Bothell said he should have tagged it and went on. He said the cart was too close to the mailbox.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Consider any other accidents reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

Whisenhunt said he will talk to German Arango, Water Distribution Superintendent about timely reports and needed pictures.

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 pm.