

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
February 7th, 2012
City Council Conference Room
1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 1:45 pm.

1. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Carl Dentler, PWA*

OTHERS PRESENT: Britt Hubbard, SSTO
Chew Allen, WWC
Norman Busch, Streets
Ray Quiroga, SWC
Joe Ramirez, Drainage
Tiffani Burk, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of January 3rd, 2012

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to approve the minutes of January 3rd, 2012.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Robert Williams-Sewer Rehab (10/13/11)

Williams was present. Britt Hubbard was also present.

Mr. Williams stated that he didn't understand that his points changed from 1 point to 3 points after the last meeting. How did it go from an incident to a collision? He was informed by the Board that it was improper backing and per policy that is a collision. Any damage caused by a moving vehicle is a collision. Britt has a problem with the decision, as a Board they have the right to reduce or add a point. The Supervisor's recommended 1 point. The 3 points confused the Supervisor's and that group. Mr. Williams was backing the 10 wheel dump truck and struck a dumpster. He stated that he had a ground guy and he was not a fault. He said that he should have driven the equipment to the truck. He learned his lesson. Motion by Hubbard with second by Bothell to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points and reduce it to two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried

B. Brian Unroe-WWM (10/24/11)

Unroe was present. Chew Allen was also present.

Mr. Unroe wanted to let the Board know what exactly happened. He said he did everything possible to avoid an accident. It was either he hit the truck or take a chance of the back tire hitting the curb. He was already committed to the turn and pulling that much weight. He doesn't feel like it was his fault. He wouldn't be here if he thought he was at fault. He told them again was he was doing. He was making a right turn, carrying a back hoe on the trailer. He had to make a wide turn so he doesn't hit the curb. A truck came flying out of nowhere. He had to cut the turn to avoid the truck hitting him and that is when the back tire hit the curb. If the back hoe wouldn't have been on the trailer then it would have not hurt the tire but because of the weight, that is what caused the rim to bend. It was at 3rd and I ave. He was heading north bound heading east. Mr. Wright asked him if he started from a stop and he said yes. He said he was not going fast. He said the other truck was coming pretty fast. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to uphold the original ruling as a Preventable Collision with one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion Carried

C. Robert Gray-Streets (11/22/11)

Gray was present. Norman Busch was also present.

Mr. Gray stated that he was off the day of the last meeting and he didn't have notification that he needed to be at the meeting. He said he got 2 points and it is something that they fixed in about 5 minutes. He thought 2 points was a little much and he said he is not trying to get out of it because it was his fault. Really the only reason he appealed it was because he was not at the meeting and he wanted to here what the Board had to say. Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to uphold the original ruling as a Preventable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion Carried

4. New Business:

A. Joseph Cheesman-Streets (12/21/11)

Cheesman was present. Norman Busch was also present.

Mr. Cheesman stated that he checked his vehicle all out. He parked beside bldg number 1. He went to David's vehicle and told him that the defroster and the heater did not work in his truck. He told him that they scraped the windshield clean and used rags on it. I started pulling off to the pumps and the windshield

went white. He said he should have just stopped the vehicle right then but he started creeping along. He was trying his best to see out the front but he nudged the stop sign and it went over. He said he was so upset that he forgot to put on the report that the window fogged up. He was not going fast, he was going real slow. It said it was probably 15 feet before it fogged up. He thought he was headed in the right direction to miss it. David did not pull up right after the accident. They left the doors open so there was not frost on the window when David got there. Motion by Busch with second by Bothell to rule this as a Preventable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: Busch, Bothell & Wright NAYS: Brown Motion carried.

B. R.C. Cathey-SWC (12/22/11)

Cathey was not present. Ray Quiroga was present. Mr. Cathey went to grab a can to lift it up and he caught a mail box and pulled it out of the ground. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as a Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. R.C. Cathey-SWC (1/16/12)

Cathey was not present. Ray Quiroga was present. The Board requests the ground man attend the next meeting on March 6th to provide information about the accident. The ground man is Orlando Kreisenbeck. Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to table this accident. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Ronald Holmes-SWC (12/29/11)

Holmes was not present. Ray Quiroga was present. Mr. Holmes was dumping a cart. As he was pulling out to go to the next cart a POV hit the City truck. Motion by Wright with second by Bothell to rule this as a Preventable Collision with one (1) point assessed. Brown abstained AYES: Bothell & Wright NAYS: Quiroga Motion carried.

E. Lantus Stevenson-SWC (1/3/12)

Stevenson was present. Ray Quiroga was also present. Mr. Stevenson stated that there was a car parked on the south side of the street. He was going up Lincoln; he positioned his truck to the south. He picked up the cart. He started putting the cart down, before he got the cart down a suburban came by and hits the side of the truck. He guessed that she cut over to far. He said the police report is not correct. Before the police got there, the foreman that was on the scene told Mr. Stevenson to move his truck because it was blocking the road. The diagram on the police report is not correct. There was oncoming traffic. Mr. Stevenson stated that he picks up anywhere between 900 and 1300 carts per day. He said there is no way to stop people from coming around the

trucks. He said he never saw the lady. He said he was still sitting still. Ray asked Lantus to explain the visual of what you see on the passenger's side. He said it was real different. Because of the mirrors are shortened, you can't see farther out, if cars are coming around you; you are not going to see them. He doesn't see much of the side of the truck. He can see the back of the truck. Ray said Lantus is an experienced driver. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Dennis Jensen-SWC (12/23/11)

Jensen was not present. Ray Quiroga was present. Mr. Jensen was sitting at a red light and another vehicle hit him Motion by Wright with second by Bothell to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried

G. Gene Sovo-Drainage (1/9/12)

Sovo was present. Joe Ramirez was also present. Mr. Sovo stated that the day of the accident they were about to put some screenings down in the canal to grade it out. He was maneuvering around an AT&T pedestal, a large tree and a light pole. They had already cut a limb off of the tree. As he was turning right, he looked to see that he missed his mirror and as he did that the corner of the bucket hit the light pole. The pole leaned to the east. They then noticed that the pole was rotten. They took the pole down and never have put it back up. He said he has hit poles harder than that and they just stood still. He was coming off of the street. It was the only access that had into this ditch. The homeowner only gave them permission to cut just so much of the tree. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as a Preventable Collision with two (2) points and reduce it to one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Consider any other injuries reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

Joe Ramirez had questions about mowing over old gas meters. If his drivers are mowing and they drive over a gas riser. The gas company removes a meter and they leave the riser. They are supposed to bury it but they don't and grass grows over it. His driver drives over it and takes it out, is that a collision? It depends on the circumstances. But they believe it probably will be unpreventable. Also they sometimes mow over utility lines such as phone cables. They are supposed to be buried but they might have been washed out. He was informed that it would be unpreventable. Chairman Wright would also like all Safety reps to pass

along this information. If you are taking pictures of accidents, please take some far away pictures so the whole scene is captured. The close up pictures are good and informative but the broader (farther away) pictures are also helpful.

7. Adjournment: Motion by Wright with second by Brown to adjourn meeting at 4:20 pm.