

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
June 4th, 2013
City Council Conference Room
Wayne Gilley City Hall
1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 1:35 pm.

1. Roll Call

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Darrin Hall, Safety Rep**

OTHERS PRESENT: Chew Allen, Safety Rep
James Bearbow, Safety Rep
Roy Rodrick, Safety Rep
Paul Caldwell, Safety Rep
Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
Mike McCollum, Safety Rep
Tiffani Burk, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of May 7th, 2013

Motion by Brown with second by Wright to approve the minutes of May 7th, 2013.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Shane Jensen-SWC (4/18/13)

Mr. Jensen was present. Safety Rep Paul Caldwell was also present.

Mr. Jensen said he can tell them what he remembers. They have stops at Chimney Creek Apts. They go in there with the pickup because they can't get a trash truck in there. He picked up his stops. Then he went on Columbia and went to Edison school. He remembers stopping at the stop sign and then it curves around, that is when he blacked out. He didn't have any warnings, no thinking he was sleepy or anything. When he hit the car is when he woke up. He doesn't know if he accelerated into it or what. He said he had a surgery about 6 years ago so all his intake is different than everybody else's. They had tried him on many medications. They tried him on a new 40 mg medication along with another medication. They have been trying to get his medication right. He said it

scared him because he didn't have a warning. They did a scan on him. They wanted him to take the new medication and old medication at night before he goes to bed. After the accident the doctor decreased the new medication in half to 20 mg and told him don't take it before bed, take it before 6 or 7. Everything checked out with the scans and everything. They said if it continued to happen then he would need to go to a heart doctor. Everything has been good since then. He said the doctor said the only thing he could think of was that the intake of his medication was so strong and since he had the surgery that it had caught up with him. He said he doesn't know how he could have prevented what happened. He had no control over it. He said the doctor put him on the new medication as a trial basis. Rusty Wright asked him when did he start taking the new 40 mg medication. Mr. Jensen said maybe a month before. Rusty Whisenhunt asked when you got the new medication, did you get the information about side effects and warnings. Mr. Jensen said he read them and the doctor went over them with him. He said the doctor knows he is a driver. Rusty Whisenhunt asked him if he notified his supervisor that his medication was being changed. Mr. Jensen said no, he did not. He said the doctor had changed him to a new 20 mg medication and recently raised it to the 40mg but he didn't remember exactly when it was changed. He said the doctor had wanted him to take them in the morning but then changed and had him take them at bedtime. He said he was just doing what the doctor instructed him to do. Rusty Whisenhunt said the city has a personnel policy related to prescription medication, if you are running equipment or driving, it requires you to notify your supervisor if you are taking something that can cause drowsiness or some kind of reaction. Mr. Jensen said he has been a supervisor for 8 or 9 years and nobody has ever said anything about medications. He said he has been on medication along time. He said no one has ever come to him about medication. He said he has never heard of that policy. Rusty Whisenhunt asked him if he had gone back to the doctor that did his surgery. He said he saw him about 3 or 4 months ago. He has been going to a different doctor ever since. He said the doctor that did his surgery cut him loose to this new doctor. Rusty Wright asked him if he moved the truck after the crash. He doesn't remember. A man came out and moved the car. He said when he woke up the car was crooked and he hit the outside of the car with the inside of his truck.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Russell Satepauhoodle-Streets (3/27/13)

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

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to uphold the initial ruling as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

4. New Business:

A. Donald Cox- Streets (5/7/13)

Mr. Cox was present but his testimony was not needed. Safety Rep James Bearbow was also present.

Mr. Cox was driving on Hwy 58 toward the day use area at about 55 mph to dump a load of sludge. About ½ mile from the entrance, the front right tire blew out causing the truck to run into the ditch. Mr Cox was able to safely stop the truck with no damage done.

Motion by Wright with second by Bothell to rule this as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Russell Anderson- Animal Welfare (5/13/13)

Mr. Anderson was present. Safety Rep Roy Rodrick was also present.

Mr. Anderson was doing traffic control at 6th & Bishop when he went to move his vehicle; he backed into a LATS sign and cracked the back bumper of unit 8901. He admitted that he hit the only sign in the open field. He was blocking traffic because of a vehicle accident. He said he walked around the pickup between the sign and the truck. He said he did not look at the back up camera while he was backing up.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Nathaniel Broome- WWC (5/13/13)

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

Mr. Broome showed the board the pictures of the gas service riser that he hit with the trackhoe. He said it was the end of the day and they were busy picking up stuff. He knew he was clear on the other sides. There was high grass and there was no meter on it, it was just the stem pipe sticking up. His supervisor did yell at him once but he didn't hear him. He was still backing up and watching. The Supervisor did yell at him again but it was too late. He heard the gas leaking and pulled forward. He shut down the machine, ran and got some pliers to turn it off. It wouldn't turn off so they got away from the area. The pictures were taken the next day. He has been operating this machine for a couple of months.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Reginald Ervin-Water Distribution (4/18/13)

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

Mr. Ervin said the tractor was already loaded onto the trailer. He backed up to it and hooked it up and did his pre-trip. He made sure his chains were tight, the tractor was secured. He said he didn't check the windows but he did check everything else. He pulled out and the window swung open and broke. He said

everything was properly tied off. The latch on the window was already broken. This window has had problems before. It comes open. Bobby said it wouldn't shut all the way and so one of the guys had put a wire on it. Bobby said he thought it had been turned in to be fixed. Rusty Wright asked Mr. Ervin would he have caught that if he would have checked the window. Mr. Ervin said if he would have pulled on it, then he would have. But from the ground it looked like it was shut all the way. Bobby said you normally don't go check the windows because if it is closed then it is latched.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as a Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

The Board recommends for Bobby to get the word out to check everything including windows when you secure the load.

E. Thomas Lewis-Water Distribution (4/21/13)

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

Mr. Lewis said he had been parking in the same spot all day long. They have made about 4 or 5 trips. The trucks are all line up and he was coming in from an angle and the last trip of the day he misjudged the turn. The front left edge of his bumper scraped the back door of unit 7808. He said there wasn't much to it. It was a simple accident.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Justin Barrington- SWD (4/29/13)

Mr. Barrington was present. Safety Rep Mike McCollum was also present.

Mr. Barrington said it rained that week and we were hauling dirt. You got a monitoring well and a corner post and you are driving the scraper. You can't get on the grass because you get in trouble for messing up the grass. He didn't want to hit the monitoring well and he thought he cleared the fence but he guessed he didn't. He said it is really tight. He said all he can say is that he hit the fence.

Dennis asked him about the comment on the report about his vision deteriorating. He said he has been partially blind in his left eye since he was born. He said he has his CDL and his class A and have had it since he was 21. He has endorsements but not restrictions. Rusty Wright asked Mr. Barrington if he had driven this machine before. He said not before working at the Landfill. He has been at the Landfill 6 months. He had driven the scraper a couple of times before this day but that was the first time to drive it around that corner. He trained himself on the scraper. He said Casey told him what the buttons do and said get after it.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this as a Preventable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Richard Werstein-Inspection Services (5/15/13)

Mr. Werstein was not present. Safety Rep Darrin Hall was also not present.

Mr. Werstein was sitting at a traffic signal waiting on the light to turn green and was hit from behind.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown 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: None
7. Adjournment: Motion by Brown with second by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 pm.