

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
August 5th, 2014
Public Meeting Room #3
New 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
Rusty Whisenhunt, Public Works Safety & Risk Officer
Candy Brown, Safety & Risk Manager

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
Roy Rodrick, Safety Rep
Tiffani Burk, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of July 1st, 2014

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to approve the minutes of July 1st, 2014.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Curtis Miller-Sewer Construction (6/5/14) Appeal

Mr. Miller was present.

Mr. Miller said he requested this accident to be looked at again because of the number of points he received. Maybe the board would lower it to 3 points because basically it was his first time of loading that piece of equipment. It was his first time loading and hauling it. He also didn't have supervision. He agrees that the accident could have been prevented. He did think that he was loading the equipment correctly. Dennis asked at what point was he trained on this

piece of equipment. Mr. Miller said that Supervisor John Santos said he had trained them one day in the field. A man named Clinton had taken out some trees and then Mr. Santos came out in the field and showed them the proper way of loading it. Mr. Miller said he didn't recall that. He said he loaded this the exact same way that we load the 50 and the 70. Now he understands that they are curling the boom in. Dennis asked him if he was a CDL licensed driver. Mr. Miller said yes absolutely. Dennis and Rusty Whisenhunt went over the requirements and measurements for CDL drivers. He agrees he should have measured it. Rusty Whisenhunt explained why the initial point was given. The cost of the repair was quite expensive and the inconvenience to the citizens of Lawton. Mr. Miller said he takes full responsibility.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to uphold the initial ruling as a Chargeable Collision with four (4) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

4. New Business:

A. Samuel Suarez-SWC (6/5/14)

Mr. Suarez was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was present.

A resident of SW G Ave believed a sanitation truck hit their car. There were no witnesses. They don't know who or what hit their car. They said they heard a noise about the same time as when the sanitation truck was in the neighborhood. They did not discover the damage until later in the day. The report states that Mr. Suarez doesn't believe he hit that car.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as an unsubstantiated claim.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Kevin McRae-SWC (6/30/14)

Mr. McRae was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was present.

The report states that Mr. McRae was running his route when an SUV tried to squeeze around the garbage truck and ending up hitting a curb and the left side of the truck. The SUV got caught on the front left bumper of the truck which pulled it out.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Dennis Jensen-SWC (6/30/14)

Mr. Jensen was not present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was present.

The report states that the video from the location (5203 NW Cache Rd) shows that the operator did not lock the safety latch on the right side of the truck and the dumpster hit the wall of the building. Mr. Jensen's statement said the dumpster was at an angle and when he went to lift it, it slid into the building. Both the driver and the ground guide were outside the vehicle. Mr. Jensen was operating the lever.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Jesus Velazquez-Vega- Animal Welfare (6/18/14)

Mr. Velazquez-Vega was present. Safety Rep Roy Rodrick was also present.

Mr. Vega said he was coming off his regular shift. He was going to park his truck. Where he usually parks his truck at his house was occupied by his neighbor so he had to park in the back of his house. It is a little harder. He said he lost where he was going and you kind of have to snake it in there and he hit the fence pole. The pole is broken and sticks out. He hit the fence on the left front side above the tire, scratching and leaving a dent. He admitted it was his fault.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Steve Bowen-Lakes (7/9/14)

Mr. Bowen was not present.

Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to table this accident.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Consider any other accidents reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 pm.