

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
September 1, 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, PW Safety Rep
Mark Moore, Safety Rep
Glenn Hinton, Safety Rep
Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
Britt Hubbard, Safety Rep
Sue Smith, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of July 7, 2015

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to approve the minutes of July 7, 2015.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Jim Hineman – Appeal- SWC (5/22/15)

Mr. Hineman was not present and put in his two weeks' notice. PW Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was present.

The board ruled to uphold its initial ruling.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to uphold initial ruling as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Dirk Lathan-Bennett –Appeal- WD (5/18/15)

Mr. Lathan-Bennett was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present.

Bennett said he when he came out of gate to get in his vehicle there was no one behind him. He said the other truck was about four feet from the black top on the other side of the road. Bennett said there was an open field and he didn't do a walk around his truck because he could see far. He said when he got in the truck he did look in his rearview mirrors and both sides. Bennett said he started backing up and his supervisor drove behind him and he hit him. He said he was in an unfamiliar vehicle and looking out of the windows of this vehicle is different than the one he is use to driving. He also said four points is a little too excessive. He said he did everything he was supposed to do. Finley said he was out in open streets and not residential. Bothell asked about damage and he must have seen him in the mirrors. Bennett said he didn't see him when he looked in mirrors. Whisenhunt said parking behind someone is dangerous and asked if Bennett looked behind him. Bennett said yes but didn't see him till he hit him. Wright asked how far he could see down the road from the direction the other vehicle came from. Bennett said about a half a mile.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to uphold initial ruling as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points plus one (1) point due to cost of damages with a total of four (4) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Juan Trevino- Appeal –WD (5/16/15)

Mr. Trevino was not present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was present.

Brown said the Water/Wastewater Director would not be able to attend this meeting and wanted this to be tabled and put on the October agenda.

5. New Business:

A. Troy Brandon- Inspection Svc (6/29/15)

Mr. Brandon was present. Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was also present.

Brandon said he backed up out of a parking spot and hit a dumpster at City Hall.

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

B. William Ryan –Revenue Svc (6/9/15)

Mr. Ryan was present. Safety Rep Mark Moore was also present.

Ryan said he stopped at a stop sign and when he started he hit the tail end of a car in front of him. Wright asked if he nosed out slightly and hit the other car. Ryan said yes. He said he was in too big of a rush to try and get his work done.

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points plus one (1) point due to cost of damages with a total of four (4) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Terry Graven –Eng (6/29/15)

Mr. Graven was present. Safety Rep Glenn Hinton was also present.

Graven said he left for lunch and stopped to pull out onto the road and a car backed up and hit him. Wright asked if the other car backed into him. Graven said yes and that he was sitting still and the car backed into him.

Motion by Bothell with second by Hinton to rule this accident as Non-Preventable with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Jonathan Hull –SWC (6/19/15)

Mr. Hull was present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was also present.

Hull said he was picking up cans and there was a dead-end street so he started backing up. He said there was a FedEx truck behind him and he hit it. Bothell asked if the backup camera was working. Hull said yes. Whisenhunt asked what the condition was of the temporary turnaround. Hull said there isn't one. Johnson said it is gravel and uneven but muddy. He said when he was driving, he was told not to turn around in the cul-de-sac because the residents complain. He said he told his guys not to do this also. Whisenhunt said that is what those roads are built for. He said this is for the fire trucks and garbage trucks and the City owns that easement. Bothell said the picture is misleading and the FedEx truck looks out there. Hull said it wasn't out far. Bothell asked how far up the street were they? Johnson said a third of the block. Bothell asked how far he

backed up and his speed. Hull said about five feet and he was just starting to back up.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points plus one (1) point due to cost of damage to other vehicle with a total of four (4) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Jonathan Hull – SWC (7/13/15)

Mr. Hull was present. Safety Rep Marlon Johnson was also present.

Hull said he was headed down Lee and light turned yellow and he was trying to stop and his truck wasn't stopping. He said the light turned red and he was applying as much break as he could and he hit a car that was in the turn lane. Hull said he was in the outside lane going west. Whisenhunt asked if the break biscuit blew. Hull said yes. Whisenhunt asked if the breaks were fine up until this. Hull yes and he tested them in the PW yard. Bothell said the rubber gasket seal ruptured on the breaks. He said the one break chamber failed but not all of them. Whisenhunt asked how far he was from the light. Hull said sixty yards. Bothell asked if he was full. Hull said he was empty. Hull said there were no skid marks. Bothell asked if he did a pump down test before driving. Hull said yes.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Richard Botts- WD (6/12/15)

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

Botts said he was leaving a job site and it was raining. He said he didn't know the window was broken because the noise of the rain. Botts said he wasn't informed till the next day that this had taken place and where. He said he got too close to the tree branches and they hit the window and it shattered. Botts said he was pulling a trailer with the backhoe on the trailer and the window of the backhoe broke. He said his supervisor saw it later and told him. Whisenhunt asked which side was broken and Botts said the curbside passenger's side.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Edmond Booker- WD (6/23/15)

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

Booker said he was driving into the PW yard and made a right turn. He said the backhoes have a different pedals for each side of the wheels and there is a locking mechanism that you lock down on it to make sure both breaks will go down and he forgot to engage the locking mechanism. Booker said he hit the dump truck when the backhoe pushed to the right. Bothell asked him how long he has worked for the City. Booker said about two years. Bothell said you know you are supposed to lock the wheels. Booker said yes.

Motion by Bothell with second by Finley to rule this accident as a Preventable Chargeable Collision with three (3) points minus one (1) point due to minimal damages with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

H. Laramick Landry - SSC (7/16/15)

Mr. Laramick was not present and no longer works for the City. Safety Rep Britt Hubbard was present.

Whisenhunt said Landry was dumping at the landfill and the weight of the truck hit the flat concrete this lifted the concrete up and it punctured the fuel tank.

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.

I. Jeremiah Barksdale- SSC (7/22/15)

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

Barksdale said he was doing some dirt work and short on people. He said he took an extra hop on the skids and he hit a gas meter. Wright asked if he was in the field. Barksdale said yes. Bothell said there was nothing obstructing the side of the meter and it was in plain view. Barksdale said yes. Bothell said you walk the site before working. Barksdale said yes.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

J. Clint Blevins- SSC (7/17/15)

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

Blevins said he got the pipe in the ground and was starting to backfill it. He said he was backing up to push the dirt and would turn to go down and D'Agostino was doing the same. Blevins said one time he was pushing and it spun out on him. He said one time he hit the place where he spun out and he rocked back a bit and D'Agostino went forward and the window broke. Blevins said he didn't know if it was the pressure on the door window that pushed the latch open and it swung back and broke the window. Wright asked if this was the backhoe window that broke. Hubbard said yes. Hubbard said there was a work order to replace the latch the day before this happened. Bothell said it was a failure to latch. Hubbard said yes a failure of equipment. Whisenhunt said hitting the bump made it open also.

Motion by Bothell with second by Hubbard to rule this accident as a Non-Preventable Collision due to equipment failure with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

K. Joshua D'Agostino- SSC (7/17/15)

Mr. D'Agostino was present. Safety Rep Britt Hubbard was also present.

The board didn't see D'Agostino due to the ruling of Blevins based on equipment failure.

L. Henry Morales- SSC (7/18/15)

The board ruled to table this until the October meeting.

M. Christopher Dykes- Streets (7/18/15)

The board ruled to table this until the October meeting.

N. Anthony Crawford- WWTP (6/26/15)

The board ruled to table this until the October meeting.

O. Jim Russell- AW (6/20/15)

The board ruled this as a torque claim and beyond the scope of the Vehicle Accident Review Board.

P. Russell Anderson- AW (6/20/15)

The board ruled this as a torque claim and beyond the scope of the Vehicle Accident Review Board.

5. Consider any other accidents reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

7. Adjournment:
Motion by Brown with second by Whisenhunt to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 pm.