

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
September 4th, 2012
City Council Conference Room
Wayne Gilley City Hall
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
Carl Dentler, Public Works Safety & Risk Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Tiffani Burk, HR
Teddy Good, Landfill

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of August 7th, 2012

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to approve the minutes of August 7th, 2012. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. R.C. Cathey-SWC (5/8/12)-Appeal-Tabled

Mr. Cathey was present but was not called in for testimony. Mr. Virgil Todd was also present. Mr. Todd said as Mr. Cathey was backing up he slightly turned his wheel. He said he was on the right side (passenger's side) of the vehicle. He guessed Mr. Cathey didn't see the second car. He said he was yelling but sometimes you can't hear very well. The truck makes a lot of noise. Mr. Bothell asked him if he was telling him to stop and motioning for him to stop. Mr. Todd said usually with an experienced driver you don't have to watch them as much. He said Mr. Cathey just turned his wheels all of a sudden instead of coming straight back. Candy Brown said you didn't have time to stop him and Mr. Todd said yes. Mr. Wright asked how come they didn't just roll the dumpster to the truck. Mr. Todd said they hadn't gotten close to it yet. He said he has been in this division since 1995. Mr. Dentler asked him if he remembers when they used the air horns and he asked what happened to them, how come they

don't use them anymore. He said they just went by the waste side. Mr. Todd said he is not a driver. Mr. Wright asked him to describe his job. He said basically when they have to back up he is a ground guide and he usually dumps the dumpsters. The other ground guide was William Bryant and he was on the other side and he said he doesn't think that Mr. Bryant saw anything.

Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to uphold the initial ruling as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. Ayes: All Nays: None

Motion Carried **The Board agreed that they should send a memo to the Director and tell him that because of the many backing accidents that they have had, they need to look at their ground guiding procedures. Maybe do some training on ground guiding and the responsibilities of ground guiding. The ground guides need to know that they can be held partly responsible for backing accidents.**

A. R.C. Cathey-SWC (7/10/12)-Appeal

Mr. Cathey was present. Mr. Cathey said he just don't agree with the 3 points. He doesn't believe it was all his fault. The truck had several issues with it. By giving him 3 points it was like saying it was irrelevant what was going on with the truck, the camera not working, fluid leaking and it not packing properly. He said you get what is on paper and if you are sitting in the driver's seat then it is a different situation. He said you can ask why he didn't get out of the truck or ask the other guy to get out but when you are actually in the driver's seat and you are trying to push buttons to get it to pack. You lose your train of thought because of the things that are not working properly. He said no one wants to drive that truck because of all the things wrong with it. When you are operating a truck with no problems then you don't have distractions. He said he feels that he didn't do anything that any other operator would have done. It could have happened to anyone. He said he knows that if that camera would have been working then the accident would not have happened. He would understand 1 or 2 points but not 3 points because of the way the truck functions. He said he is not a bad driver, he said he is inexperienced. He said he is a floater. He said maybe he has just had a total of 2 or 3 months of driving time. He said he just doesn't feel that 3 points were appropriate. He said he made copies this morning of his evaluations and wanted it added to his records. Mr. Wright told him if it doesn't pertain to this accident then they don't need it. Mr. Cathey said he also had another person there to speak on his behalf. Mr. Wright asked if that person was at the accident and Mr. Cathey said no he wasn't. Mr. Wright said then his testimony is not needed.

Motion by Bothell with second by Dentler to uphold the initial ruling as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. Ayes: Wright, Dentler & Bothell Nays: Brown Motion Carried

B. Thomas Perry-SWC (7/3/12)-Appeal

Mr. Perry was not present.

Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to uphold the initial ruling as a Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

4. New Business:

A. Larry Richards-SWC (7/27/12)

Mr. Richards was not present. Mr. Richards misjudged the distance between the cart and a car and he struck the rear bumper of the car. 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.

B. Donald Hill-SWC (8/3/12)

Mr. Hill was not present. Mr. Hill forgot to close the trash container door and as he was coming out of the Landfill he hit the light guard and light. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Steve Jung-SWD (7/27/12)

Mr. Jung was not present. Safety Rep Teddy Good was present. Mr. Good said the chipper has a cover on it and it was open in the travel position. He went to close it and it hit the building. Then while trying to get the machine from the building he jumped in to pull the truck away and the stabilizers were still down and he bent the stabilizer. He was servicing the machine so he only had one stabilizer down and so it only messed up one. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried. The Board believes that this was two separate accidents and there needs to be another report done for hitting the building.

D. Michael McCollum-SWD (8/8/12)

Mr. McCollum was present. Safety Rep Teddy Good was also present. Mr. McCollum said he was operating the compactor packing trash when a plastic pipe came under the front guard and broke the left side window. He said it was fast and he hit the switch as fast as he could but it didn't do any good.

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

E. William Kennard-WD (7/20/12)

Mr. Kennard was not present. Mr. Kennard was driving on Rogers Lane and hit a bump. A 6' valve wrench came off the truck. He pulled over and turned on his flashers but before he could get the wrench from the road a POV hit it and it tore up their muffler. Motion by Wright with second by Dentler to rule this as a Chargeable Collision on with three (3) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS:

None Motion carried.

F. Mike Walker-WD (7/31/12)

Mr. Walker was not present. Motion by Brown with second by Wright to table this accident. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

5. Consider any other injuries reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion: None

7. Adjournment: Motion by Wright with second by Brown to adjourn meeting at 3:00 pm.