

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
October 2nd, 2012
City Council Conference Room
Wayne Gilley City Hall
1:30 pm

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 1:40 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
Bobby Finley, Safety Rep
Darrin Hall, Safety Rep
Leon McGahee, Safety Rep

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of September 4th, 2012

Motion by Dentler with second by Brown to approve the minutes of September 4th, 2012. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. William Kennard-WD (7/20/12)-Appeal

Mr. Kennard was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present. Mr. Kennard said he was on nights and they killed a main. They had a main break. He was turning on all the valves. He got on 46th & Rogers Lane and he was going back to the east to go back to the shop. He hit that bump where it dips down at Rogers Lane and 40th. He lost his wrench, immediately after he knew his wrench came out. He hit the hazard lights on and he still had his vest on. He jumped the median and backed up to his wrench. He got out and was trying to flag people to the other side of the road. Everyone was moving over but a man in his POV didn't move over and he ran over the wrench. The man then pulled off shortly in front of him. Mr. Kennard picked up the wrench and drove on the median to go see what was wrong with the man's car. The man said the

hanger of his muffler broke. He gave the man the phone number and told him to follow up the next day with the office. He said he was in a flat bed truck. They have three wrenches on there. They didn't have any way to secure them. Now they have a side box and he moved the wrenches forward and stuck them in between the box and the air hose. He is still waiting for ties. They have 10', 6' and 4' wrenches. The 6' wrench fell off. On his truck, there were not ties. Mr. Bothell told him that it his responsibility as an operator to secure the load. He said if your equipment is not secured in the back of the vehicle, it should not move. He said to go back to this department and force the issue, tell them to get some ties or something to secure the wrenches or come to equipment maintenance and he will get the welder to build something to tie that stuff down. Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to amend the initial ruling and change it to a Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed.

Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

B. Mike Walker-WD (7/31/12)-Tabled

Mr. Walker was present. Safety Rep Bobby Finley was also present. Mr. Walker said he was in the backhoe and had the bucket turned to the side because there was a concrete brick mailbox behind him. There was a car that came down like it wanted to get by so he pulled along the side of the road and it kept creeping like it didn't have enough room. He started backing up and he forgot that he had the bucket to the side which sticks out about a foot or a foot and a half from the side of the backhoe and it bumped the side of the truck that was parked in a driveway and was sticking out in the street a little bit.

Motion by Bothell with second by Dentler to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

4. New Business:

A. Danny Lindsey-SWC (8/28/12)

Mr. Lindsey was present. Mr. Lindsey said he backed into a power line that was too low. This was the first time he went to that dumpster. Mr. Bothell asked if it was a windy day and Mr. Lindsey said he didn't think so. He was backing up to a dumpster and the line got caught on the top of the truck. Candy Brown said she would call code enforcement and ask them to send someone to check to see if that line is up to code or if it needs to be moved.

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

B. Michael Tovar-SWC (8/27/12)

Mr. Tovar was present. Mr. Tovar said he tried to turn off of Lee Blvd; he was in the middle of traffic. It is a sharp right. When he committed to start the turn, nobody was there. As he was in the middle of the turn, a car was coming the other way towards the intersection. The car is over 3 feet and he was over 3 feet because he is trying to make the corner. He stopped and the car stopped then pulled forward another 3 feet and moved over a little bit. He said he was easing the turn and he didn't take in effect that his bumper sticks out pretty far. The car moved out of his view and he thought the car was out of his way but he hit the side of the car with the bumper of the truck. He said there is no gradual turn; it is a 90 degree turn.

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

C. Unknown-WWTP (9/16/12)

The Board agreed that this accident could not be considered. There was damage done to the Chevy Caprice #7642 at the WWTP. No one knows who is responsible. This accident could be brought before the Board at a later date if more information is gathered.

D. David Eppler-Engineering (9/11/12)

Mr. Eppler was present. Mr. Eppler said he didn't have much time to do anything to get out of the way. He was hit by another car that failed to stop at a stop sign. He was heading north on 27th St and was going to turn west on F Ave. The other car was facing east on F Ave. and attempted to turn north onto 27th St. The car hit him behind the driver's side door.

Motion by Bothell 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. Kenneth Sword-Streets (9/17/12)

Mr. Sword was present. But his testimony was not heard.
The Board would like to request that Mr. Sword be present at the next meeting.
There should be an accident report on the other City vehicle from SWC.
Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to table this accident.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Raymond Howard-Inspection Services (9/12/12)

Mr. Howard was not present. Safety Rep Darrin Hall was present.
Mr. Howard was driving unit 530 south on 23rd St. He approached the intersection of 23rd & Denver with the intention of turning left on Denver. He was hit by another vehicle that had his turn signal light on but didn't turn. The other driver admitted that his turn signal light was stuck in the on position. Mr. Howard assumed that the driver was going to turn so he entered the intersection and was hit in the rear passenger side.

Motion by Bothell with no second to rule this as a Chargeable Collision.
Motion by Bothell with second by Wright to rule this as a Preventable Collision with two (2) points assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Jorg Kidd-Building Maintenance (9/7/12)

Mr. Kidd was present. Safety Rep Leon McGahee was also present.
Mr. Kidd said he misjudged the turn and misjudged the truck he was driving. He is not used to driving that truck. He said it has a ball hitch. The back end of the trailer caught the stop sign. He continued on because he needed to get the reviewing stand where they were going before traffic got heavy. He did stop to check and make sure the tires were not damaged. As soon as Bruce got to Elmer Thomas he told him what happened. The stop sign was at the west entrance of the city yard. He wasn't sure if the tire hit it. But the back end of the trailer hit it. The trailer is like 40 feet long. There was a LATS bus coming toward him from the North. He misjudged the speed of the bus and he had to cut it sharp. Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to rule this as a Chargeable Collision with two (2) points assessed. Ayes: All Nays: None Motion Carried

H. John Mullins-Cemetery (7/24/12)

Mr. Mullins was present. Safety Rep Leon McGahee was also present.
Mr. McGahee said ordinarily they use a backhoe to unload the boxes, but the backhoe was at equipment maintenance getting worked on and they were using the other backhoe at another grave. They were using a little John Deer tractor instead to lift the box off of the truck. The driver of the vault truck hooked the chain on the box. When Mr. Mullins went to move the truck, the chain gave and

it caused the box to fall down onto the tractor and pushed the battery into the radiator and put a hole in it. Mr. Mullins said he was taking a box off of a vault truck and the vault truck driver was in a hurry. The backhoe was being used. So he said he could use the John Deer because he had used it before. The chain slipped and tore up his tractor. This was a concrete box that they put the casket in. It probably is about 800 or 900 pounds. Mr. McGahee said we just put those boxes in the hole. The funeral home pays the City \$25.00 per box to put it in the hole. He said we do it as a courtesy. They stock pile the concrete boxes. This company didn't bring any equipment to unload the box off of the truck because we have been doing it for them. If we tell them that we won't unload them anymore then they will bring their equipment to unload them. Mr. McGahee said he can tell them because of the wear and tear on our equipment that we cannot unload the boxes anymore. Mr. Bothell said he advised that we don't unload them anymore. Mr. McGahee said when we get the tractor back they definitely won't be using that little John Deer for this purpose. He said he will talk to Gerald and the vault company about this.

Motion by Wright with second by Bothell to rule this as a Non-Preventable Damage Incident 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 meeting at 3:30 pm.