

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
November 12th, 2013
Public Meeting Room #3
New City Hall
212 SW 9th St.
9:30 am

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wright at 9:30 am.

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: Glenn Hinton, Safety Rep*

OTHERS PRESENT: James Bearbow, Safety Rep
Marlon Johnson, Safety Rep
Stephen Sellman, Safety Rep
Cam Huynh, Safety Rep
Leon McGahee, Safety Rep
Tiffani Burk, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of September 3rd, 2013

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to approve the minutes of September 3rd, 2013. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

A. Reginald Ervin-Water Distribution (7/24/13) Appeal

Mr. Ervin was not present; he is no longer a City of Lawton employee.

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to uphold the initial ruling as Chargeable Collision with three (3) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

4. New Business:

A. Darius Robinson- Water Distribution (8/13/13)

Mr. Robinson was not present.

Mr. Robinson was on his way to a job. At the corner of 11th & Douglas, he went too fast, lost control of the hydro hammer and jumped the curb. Mr. Robinson was a new employee. His statement said he did not hit both the clutch and the brake, he just hit the brake and it stalled. When he started it again it was close to the curb and he jumped the curb and bent the wheel.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this as a Preventable Collision with two points reduced to one (1) point assessed. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Phillip Cummings- SWC (8/16/13)

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

Mr. Cummings was driving past Green Acre Sod on SE 1st & Lee. An 18 wheeler pulled out into traffic and hit the side of unit 360.

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

C. Clint Macias-SWC (9/13/13)

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

Mr. Macias was turning north from Elm to 40th and hit a slick spot and slid to the left hitting the back edge of a POV. Rusty Whisenhunt said after this accident, the street department did a pavement repair at that location.

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

D. Terry Penrod- SWC (10/7/13)

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

Mr. Penrod's written statement said that he was dumping a cart on SW H and was bringing the cart down to the ground. The cart slipped out of the arm and hit a mailbox.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Robin Dale- Streets (9/11/13)

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

Mr. Dale was on 2nd street and C Avenue. His statement said he turned his blinker on and started slowing down. As he started merging he glanced in his rear view mirror and saw a car coming quick and the car hit him.

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

F. Donald Holmes- Streets (10/1/13)

Mr. Holmes was not present; he is no longer a City of Lawton employee. Safety Rep James Bearbow was present.

Mr. Holmes was operating the Roller. It was his first time on this machine. He was learning how it works. He pulled up near the dump truck and it kept rolling and hit the truck.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Bothell to rule this as Preventable Collision with two points reduced to one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

G. Jeremy Russell- Stormwater (9/24/13)

Mr. Russell was present. Safety Rep Cam Huynh was also present.

Mr. Russell said he was driving back from the SE Water Treatment Plant and a dump truck passed by him and a rock hit the windshield. The windshield was just chipped.

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

H. Henry Welborn- Building Maintenance (9/23/13)

Mr. Welborn was present. Safety Rep Leon McGahee was also present.

Mr. Welborn said it was about 7:00 in the morning. He was coming up on 2nd street. He came up the hill at F and when he turned the corner, the sun hit him right in the face. He slowed down and dropped his visor. By that time he had hit a sign. The electric company was working on the intersection down the street and they had put a sign in the street. He said he did not see the sign.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as Preventable Collision with two points reduced to one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

I. Bernard Nauman- Inspection Services (8/29/13)

Mr. Nauman was not present. Safety Rep Stephen Sellman was present.

Mr. Sellman was driving unit 521, an extended cab truck. He was traveling west on Gore in a construction zone just west of 62nd Street. A flagman came out to slow the traffic so she slowed down and the person behind him didn't. He was rear-ended by the POV.

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

J. Coletta Gilbert- Arts & Humanities (9/24/13)

Ms. Gilbert was not present. Safety Rep Glenn Hinton was unable to be in attendance. Safety Rep Leon McGahee filled in as a replacement.

Ms. Gilbert was backing up from a grassy area east of the south festival pad in Elmer Thomas Park and bumped into a ballard.

The Board agreed to classify this as a Preventable Collision but no points were assessed due to the fact the employee was disciplined prior to the VARB meeting.

5. Consider any other injuries reported: None
6. Communication/Discussion:
The Board agreed on the same time and location for the 2014 meeting schedule. The 1st Tuesday of each month at 1:30 pm in the Public Meeting Room #3 at the New City Hall-212 SW 9th St.
7. Adjournment:
Motion by Wright with second by Brown to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 am.