

MINUTES
City Vehicle Accident Review Board
Special Meeting
December 2nd , 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 1:35 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, Public Works Safety Rep
James Bearbow, Safety Rep
Chew Allen, Safety Rep
Jeffery Mowry, Safety Rep
Sue Smith, HR

Excused* Unexcused**

2. Minutes:

A. Approval of minutes of November 4th, 2014

Motion by Bothell with second by Whisenhunt to approve the minutes of November 4th, 2014. AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

3. Old Business:

None.

4. New Business:

A. Terry Graven –Engineering (11/12/14)

Mr. Graven was present. PW Safety Rep Rusty Whisenhunt was also present.

Mr. Graven said he parked between a basketball court, contractor's fence and a dirt pile. He said the contractor had some steel delivered and asked him to move his vehicle and he backed up and turned slightly and didn't see the basketball

poll because it blended in with the concrete and I hit it. He said it happened at Patriot Park and a contractor was working in that area. Graven said his mirrors are pointed out to see farther back and the pole wasn't that far behind him and his truck had been there for an hour or so. Bothell asked how far he was backing up and Graven said about 35 feet.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

B. Ramon Ortega- Streets (11/16/14)

Mr. Ortega was present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was also present.

Mr. Ortega said he was on call to do an emergency to sand the roads because of the weather. He said they wanted me to run the new dump truck with a sand box on it and Brandon Brierton was having trouble with it. He said that it would come on and off. Wright asked if it was the ignition. Ortega said no and that it was the propeller and the sand box itself. He said that Doug Stamper said they must not have connected it right. Ortega said it must be checked out at the shop but Stamper told him he would try to get it going right and he did. He said he made sure everything was working proper. Ortega said the Police Department needed 67th Street sanded, so he headed out. He said he got to 17th and Lee Blvd and he decided to try it out to see if it worked and it wasn't working. He said he came to a stop on Sheridan and Lee Blvd. Ortega said they put an old sand box on a new truck and on the old trucks you inject and push the handle on the PTO they work that way so he tried that and the box lifted up and caught the propeller on the back of sand truck on the ground while he was stopped at the light and he let it down and before he knew it this had torn it up. He said he let it back down and headed to the Public Works yard. Ortega said the hand radios weren't working and he had no way of calling his supervisor. Bothell said those beds are bolted down when we put sand boxes on them to keep them from coming up and asked why he would attempt to lift the box. Ortega said that on some of the old trucks you would have to put the PTO in for them to come on or work. Bothell said the new trucks you put your foot on the break and PTO and you have your lifts buttons, right? Ortega said yes. Bothell said PTO was on and the light was on? Ortega said yes. Bothell said but yet you pushed the knob to lift the truck. Ortega said right. Bothell asked why he would do that on any of the trucks when you know there is a sandbox on it. Ortega said with some of the old trucks with the boxes on you have to inject the PTO and the lift in order for the propeller and the conveyor to work. Ortega asked if Bothell had to modify the new truck with the old box on it. Bothell said no that the only thing they did was take the hydraulic lines with the new connectors and rewire all the wiring for the new truck. He said there are just three different hydraulic lines. Ortega asked how you get something to work proper when you put something old with something new. Bothell said they do extensive testing before it leaves the shop. He said that Ortega got the truck to work before he left the PW yard. Ortega said yes but before that Stamper and Brierton couldn't get it to work. Bothell asked what the problem was. Ortega said it would come on and then not come on. Brown

asked if Stamper got it working before he left the PW yard. Ortega said yes but when he tried it later, it malfunctioned. Whisenhunt asked when it was working for you, you didn't have the lift engaged, is that correct. Ortega said yes. Whisenhunt said then what makes you think you needed to engage it if it was working without the lift being engaged. Ortega said because the old trucks worked that way. Whisenhunt said but you had it working without that being done. Ortega said yes but it wasn't working properly and it goes back to putting something old on something new. He said he is used to the old trucks they use to have. Ortega said the old trucks you have to inject and push the handle on the PTO in order for them to work even with the bolts in there. Bothell asked if the bolts were on the truck. Ortega said no. Bothell asked then why did it break the welds on the plates that hold the bolts and that's why it came all the way up and damaged the truck. Everyone looked at pictures of damage. Ortega said on the new trucks when you engage the PTO they go up very fast.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this as a Chargeable Damage Incident with one (1) point assessed plus one (1) point due to cost of damage with a total of two (2) points assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

C. Albert Ozuna -Streets (11/17/14)

Mr. Ozuna was present. Safety Rep James Bearbow was also present.

Mr. Ozuna said he was in the dome with the front-end loader and digging out salt and sand and dumping it in the middle to try and break it up. He said he was articulating in the machine and he was backing up and articulating and hit the wall. He said the top of the dome is wood and the bottom is concrete. Wright asked if he was in the dome. Ozuna said yes. Wright asked if a front-end loader would fit in there and Ozuna said yes and up on top of the salt/sand. Bothell said they push the sand up in the dome and go up in there. Bothell asked Ozuna how long he has been operating the front-end loader in the dome and he said over 10 years.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

D. Terry Emerson- WWC (11/12/14)

Mr. Emerson was present. Safety Rep Rusty Chew Allen was also present.

Mr. Emerson said pulled in the alley where he normally pulls into but instead of pulling up where he normally does to turn around he pulled himself out of the way so the traffic could go by and he was doing his paperwork and forgot where he parked at and he put it in drive and went over the fire hydrant. He said it was his fault. Wright asked if he went between it. Emerson said he drove right over it.

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

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

E. Terry Emerson– WWC (11/15/14)

Mr. Emerson was present. Safety Rep Chew Allen was also present.

Mr. Emerson said he was driving a City pickup and wasn't wearing his seatbelt and a police officer gave him a ticket for it.

Motion by Bothell with second by Brown to rule this accident as a Preventable Driving Violation with one (1) point assessed.

AYES: All NAYS: None Motion carried.

F. Steve Flores– Equipt Maint (11/5/14)

Mr. Flores was not present. Safety Rep Jeffery Mowry was present.

Mr. Mowry said Flores is having surgery and will not be present. Mowry said he didn't see it happen. Bothell said he heard the crunch as the door was being pushed out by the tailgate. He said it wasn't an accident but an incident because the vehicle wasn't moving. Bothell said they were working on the tailgate because it wouldn't open and it was inside the garage with the door closed because it was cold. He said he has seen this happen before when one mechanic is on one side and looking at the electrical inside the box and they are testing the wires to see if the fuses were blown. He said the truck is designed that you push a safety button plus a switch so the gate will open. Flores didn't have the safety button depressed and they were working the switch and measuring the voltage and the gate went up anyway. Brown asked even without pressing the safety button. Bothell said yes because the system was malfunctioning and that is why it was in the shop. He said when it went up it pushed out two panels.

Motion by Whisenhunt with second by Brown to rule this accident as Non-Preventable Damage Incident with zero (0) points assessed.

AYES: Wright, Brown and Whisenhunt ABSTAIN: Bothell NAYS: None
Motion carried.

5. Consider any other accidents reported: None

6. Communication/Discussion:

7. Adjournment:

Motion by Brown with second by Bothell to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 pm.