



**CITY OF OAKDALE CITY COUNCIL  
AND  
OAKDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD  
JOINT MEETING  
MINUTES**



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**City Council Chambers  
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**Tuesday, April 9, 2019**

**5:00 PM**

**City Council Chambers**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor McCarty called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**2. COUNCIL/AGENCY MEMBERS PRESENT/ABSENT:**

Present: Mayor McCarty  
Council Member Bairos  
Council Member Chiara  
Council Member Murdoch  
Council Member Smith

**OAKDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD**

Present: Vice Chairperson Ryan Cope  
Director Paul Rivera  
Director Vincent Victorine

Absent: President Jane Lopes

Staff Present: City Manager Whitemyer  
City Attorney Hallinan  
Finance Director Avila  
Public Works Superintendent Bridgewater  
Council Services Manager Christel  
Management Analyst Anderson

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

Mayor McCarty led the pledge of allegiance.

**4. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

There were none.

**5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:**

Mayor McCarty asked whether there were any additions or deletions to the City Council and Oakdale Fire Protection District joint agenda. City Manager Whitemyer advised there are none.



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**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Derek Nichols, Stanislaus Consolidated Firefighters Local 3399 President, addressed the City Council and the Oakdale District Board and expressed his, and the firefighters he represents, support towards working this agreement out.

There were no other public comments.

**7. CONSENT AGENDA:**

None scheduled.

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None Scheduled.

**9. STAFF REPORTS:**

- 9.1: Consider Approving a Letter from the Oakdale Fire Protection District Board and the Oakdale City Council responding to the Letter dated February 15, 2019 from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

City Manager Whitemyer provided a staff report and PowerPoint Presentation to the City Council and Oakdale Fire Protection District Board which gave a brief history of the contract and series of events leading up to tonight's recommendation. He explained that our best possible goal is to provide the highest level of fire and emergency services to our residents and that the best way to do that is through partnerships. The 2+2+2 Committee has met several times and what has come out of those meetings is a recommendation that the City of Oakdale and the Oakdale Fire Protection District extend the initial agreement for an additional year.

City Manager Whitemyer read aloud a letter dated April 9, 2019 from the City of Oakdale City Council and the Oakdale Fire Protection District Board of Directors respectfully requesting a one-year extension to our current fire service agreements that expire on June 30, 2019, extending it through June 30, 2020.

City Council Members asked questions of staff that were responded to by staff.

Chief Whorton addressed the City Council and the Oakdale Fire Protection Board saying that he felt a year extension will hurt his agency in overtime as he has firefighters that said they will burn every hour of their sick time that they can. He also stated the options City Manager Whitemyer provided to City Council and the Oakdale Fire Protection District Board were not correct and that should the Council/Board opt to contract services with another agency, the levels of service will drop and the cost will increase. He also stated



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that he does not feel it makes sense to continue having these short-term contract extensions.

Mayor McCarty explained that extending the contract for a year will provide time for the City and District Board to work with the Consolidated Board on hammering out issues and work out on a long-term deal.

Derek Nichols addressed the council and board in response to Chief Whorton's comments stating that Chief Whorton's claim was unsubstantiated and he that wanted to clarify that most of the firefighters do not abuse sick leave. He said that the firefighters are very passionate and dedicated to making this contract work.

Director Victorine asked Derek Nichols what his opinion was about a one-year extension. Derek replied that the firefighter's union are all in favor of a one-year, 6-month or two-year extension. Anything that will help move this contract along

**MOTION**

That the City of Oakdale City Council Approve a Letter from the Oakdale Fire Protection District Board and the Oakdale City Council dated April 9, 2019 responding to the Letter dated February 15, 2019 from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

Moved by Council Member Bairos and seconded by Council Member Smith and PASSED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: Bairos, Smith, Chiara, Murdoch, McCarty	(5)
NOES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)
ABSENT:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)
ABSTAINED:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: None	(0)

Motion carried 5/0 by City Council roll call vote.

**10. CITY COUNCIL / DISTRICT BOARD ITEMS:**

None.

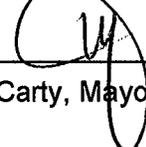
**11. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 5:58p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Julie Christel, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

  
J.R. McCarty, Mayor