



**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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Wednesday, May 29, 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 Smith
Council Member Murdoch

OAKDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD

Present: President Jane Lopes
Vice Chairperson Ryan Cope
Director Paul Rivera
Director Vincent Victorine

Absent: None

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mayor McCarty led the pledge of allegiance.

4. PRESENTATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

There were none.

5. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS:



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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 were none.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment was received.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

None scheduled.

8. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

None Scheduled.

9. STAFF REPORTS:

- 9.1 Discuss, Review, and Approve a Fire Services Agreement between the City of Modesto, Oakdale Fire Protection District and the City of Oakdale.

Before beginning his presentation, City Manager Whitemyer provided updated copies of the proposed agreement to the City Council and Oakdale Fire District Board members and also placed copies in the front of the chamber lobby for the public to review. He explained that this agreement was just a cleaned-up version without all the edit marks the previous version contained. For further clarification, he explained that the cleaned-up version has the date 5/29/2019 in the top corner of the document. City Manager Whitemyer then went on to provide a staff report and PowerPoint Presentation to the City Council and Oakdale Fire Protection District Board giving them a brief history of the contract and series of events that led up to tonight's recommendation.

City Manager Whitemyer described the team effort that went in to putting this agreement together and thanked retired Fire Chief Botto for his consultation assistance throughout this project and thanked Fire Chief Ernst, from the Modesto Fire Department, and members of the Threat Assessment Group (TAG) for their assistance and support.

Modesto Fire Chief Ernst addressed the City Council and the Oakdale Fire District Board and discussed their staffing levels and the services they can provide. He stated that with this agreement, Oakdale will see increased depth of resources for all agencies, increased staffing for the Oakdale region, additional shift battalion for resource sharing partners, manageable span of control for BCs, administrative support and fiscal efficiencies. He also discussed resource sharing and automatic aid agreements.

Chief Ernst informed the City Council and District Board that they can offer (2) 24-hour Shift Battalion Chiefs and on-call Chief Officers in Oakdale. In addition, they are



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commitment to studying rural staffing options and be involved in decision making in the Oakdale area.

City Manager Whitemyer discussed the costs associated with the fire services agreement and, in conclusion of his presentation, recommended the City Council approve the proposed fire services agreement with the City of Modesto.

Council Member Murdoch asked about pay differences and seniority issues that would affect past City of Oakdale fire employees. Chief Ernst responded to Council Member Murdoch's questions.

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

Derek Nichols, president of the Local 3399, addressed the City Council and District Board about issues his firefighters are concerned with, primarily seniority, however, after looking at the proposed agreement, he agreed that Modesto has a lot to offer. He stated that he was extremely grateful to Chief Ernst and his brothers with the Local 1299 Union and thanked the City Council for their diligence in making this happen.

There were no further comments.

City Manager Whitemyer stated that this proposed agreement will go before the City of Modesto City Council on June 11, 2019.

MOTION

That the City of Oakdale City Council Approve a Fire Services Agreement between the City of Modesto, Oakdale Fire Protection District and the City of Oakdale.

Moved by Council Member Bairos and seconded by Council Member Smith and PASSED AND ADOPTED this 29th day of May 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCIL MEMBERS: Bairos, Chiara, Smith, 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:

Mayor McCarty thanked Chief Ernst and retired Fire Chief Botto for all their hard work on this project.



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Council Member Smith thanked Derick Nichols for the leadership and support he has shown throughout this process.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor McCarty adjourned the meeting at 5:47p.m.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Julie Christel
Julie Christel, Deputy City Clerk

/s/ J.R. McCarty
J.R. McCarty, Mayor