

December 29, 2022

The Rusk County Emergency Service District #1 met on this date at 12 noon with Board President David Burks presiding. Board Members present were Gloria Dooley, Brian Bathke and Wayne Griffith. Board Members absent were Jiffy Dukes. The meeting was opened with a prayer and the pledge to the American flag.

As there was no Old Business to discuss at this time, the Board moved to the only item under New Business which was to consider and possibly approve the withholding of department funding. Before addressing the agenda item, Board President David Burks opened the meeting by thanking everyone in attendance and by explaining that the meeting today was called due to numerous changes within one volunteer department and the concerns for the ESD Board as to the direction the department was heading and their membership in the ESD. President Burks then asked the Mayor and members of the Overton City Council to introduce themselves. Present for the City of Overton were Mayor Gilbert, City Manager Shane West, Council Person Chris Hall and Council Person Raymond Moon. President Burks then asked Mayor Gilbert if he and those members present would be agreeable to answering a few questions that might help the ESD receive clarification. Mayor Gilbert responded that he would be glad to answer questions. A copy of those questions and answers is attached to these minutes. After this exchange of information, President Burks announced that the Board would be retiring to Executive Session to discuss the matter and consult with the Board's attorney. The Board then retired at 12:38 p.m. The Board returned to the open meeting at 1:46 p.m. and President Burks called the meeting back to order. He then announced that the Board had instructed their legal counsel to contact the City of Overton's city attorney to arrange a meeting or workshop with the full city council and ESD Board to see if a positive path forward could be found for continuing support of the volunteer fire department in the city. A motion to table the agenda item was made by Board Member Brian Bathke, and duly seconded by Board Member Wayne Griffith. The motion passed with a unanimous vote of the Board.

President Burks then called for any public comments. As there were no public comments, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Board Member Gloria Dooley, and duly seconded by Board Member Brian Bathke. On a unanimous vote of the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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