

Mayor David Anderson called the special council meeting of December 1, 2008 to order at 6:00 p.m. at Fire Station 2. Present for the meeting were Mayor Anderson, Council President John Langs, Council Members Dave Sims, Connie Wells, and Dave Gray, Clerk Kris Larson, Fire Chief Pat Warkentin, and Fireman Gary Falcon.

The purpose of the special meeting was to tour the fire stations and meet the Fire Department members.

Fire station 2 houses a 1923 REO owned by the Smoke Eaters and the City's Engine 55 that is operated by Gary Falcon, Louis Maggi, and Marlin Olsen.

Pat gave the tour of Station 2 and went over the proposed addition that will be 35 feet deep and 12 feet high.

The group moved to fire station 1 for a tour. Firemen present were Steve Bender, Mick Mellett, Ken Baker, Doug Ladely, Adam Arthur, Lee Colson, Than Widner, Louis Maggi, Dean Kerr, Shawn Pawling, Davey Jones, Alan Hamilton, Bruce Merrifield, Marlin Olsen, John Youngwirth, Wally Barton, and Jim Fritzsche.

The newest fire engine (engine 1) is a 1994 model purchased from a prison in Washington in 2006. Fire station 1 also houses a Ford crew cab (Brush 2), GMC Sierra (Brush 1), support unit 1, support unit 53, and engine 54 which is a LaFrance. There is a 1986 6x6 military truck at the city yard that was donated by the Department of Lands.

The group toured the fire vehicles, fire equipment, and were showed the breathing apparatus equipment that is no longer needed by the city fire department that is in excess of 20 years old.

There is a rapid intervention team with equipment that is kept on support unit 53 that is specifically for rescuing firefighters that are down. Adam Arthur, Davey Jones and Dean Kerr are on this team.

Unit 1 and support unit 53 go to all fire calls. There are records kept in unit 53 of the location of all firemen on the scene and what their duties are. Supplies are also kept on unit 53.

Fire station 1 has a board that contains the training history of the firemen as well as the office for the fire department.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

David K. Anderson, Mayor

Attest: _____
Kris Larson, City Clerk