

CITY OF MOULTON  
Work session  
June 13, 2022  
@ 5:00 PM

Present – Mayor Weatherwax  
Brent White  
Joyce Jeffreys  
Jason White  
Denise Lovett  
Cassandra Lee

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Weatherwax for the purpose of being informed by Fire Chief about the most recent ISO rating received by the City of Moulton Fire Department.

Fire Chief Brian Phillips began meeting by informing the Council that the rating is based on several factors, Councilmembers were given copies of the report. The last rating number was a 5 and this year increased to a 6 which is a lower score. Phillips explained that the lower the number the better in this type of rating. The Fire Department requirements accounts for 50% of the scoring, requirements for the Water Department Supply capabilities accounts for 40% with the remaining 10% being based off the 911 dispatch.

Councilmembers had many questions as to why certain aspects received the scoring in the report. Phillips explained each one questioned. He explained that he had evaluated where things could be improved on and had already placed more emphasis on attendance by volunteers to training drills and met with the Mayor to increase per call pay for them from the rate of \$25.00 to \$50.00 in an effort to encourage participation. Other areas that he felt needed attention by the Council was either to increase the fleet for the Fire Department or hire more firemen. Mayor Weatherwax stated he had researched per capital cities/towns similar to Moulton's allocation to firemen and the City was at or above those he checked with, several of similar size only having Volunteer Departments. Councilwoman Cassandra Lee ask that other factors be considered, such as the number of calls and that volunteers are not as reliable as in past years when deciding if the City needed and could afford another fireman. She directed to Mayor Weatherwax that if the information was submitted and warranted additional firemen would that be looked at in the upcoming budget year to decide if an additional fireman could be included. Mayor Weatherwax agreed.

Discussions continued with the need to make sure that the attention be placed on providing the best Fire protection be first and foremost and in doing so also try to improve the ISO rating. To accomplish this, questions were raised as to if COVID monies could be utilized for any of these purposes, if grants had been applied for and that there is a need for more collaboration between all involved to better assist Council in the decision-making process.

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Roger Weatherwax, Mayor

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Deroma Pepper, City Clerk

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Brent White, Council Member

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