



City of Union

Agenda

Council Work Session Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022 @ 6:00 PM
Leonard Almquist Council Chambers, 342 S. Main St,
Union, OR 97883

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1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mayor:

Flint

Councilors:

Denton, Farmer, Hawkins, Cox, Richter
and McMillan

2. **PRESENTATIONS:**

2.1. Sheriff's Office Report

3. **UPCOMING BUSINESS DISCUSSIONS:**

3.1. ARPA Grants

3.2. Gale Street Vacate

3.3. RV Design Quote

3.4. AirBnb host contract

4. **COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS:**

4.1. Fire/EMS Town Hall

[One Community, One Department 20220123 \(Handout\)](#)

4.2. Ranger Station

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5. **ORDINANCE/CHARTER REVIEW:**

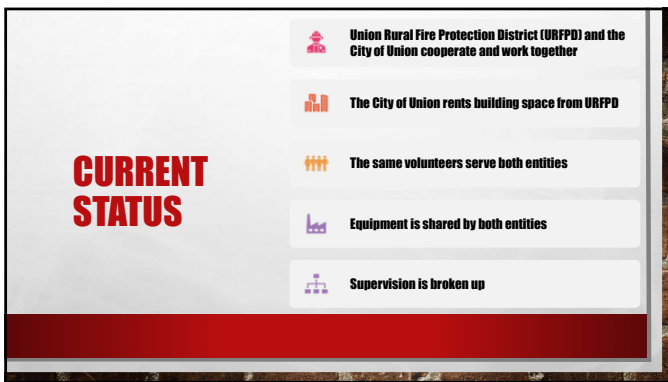
5.1. Ordinance Review Committee

6. **OTHER:**

7. **ADJOURNMENT:**



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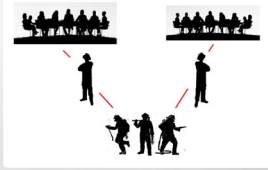
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CONFUSING AND COMPLICATED GOVERNANCE

- SAME GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS ANSWER TO TWO DIFFERENT FIRE CHIEFS
- TWO DIFFERENT FIRE CHIEFS ANSWER TO TWO DIFFERENT POLITICAL ENTITIES



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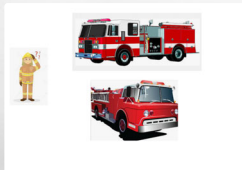
CONFUSING AND COMPLICATED GOVERNANCE

- LINES OF LIABILITY ARE NOT CLEAR
- WHO OWNS WHAT?



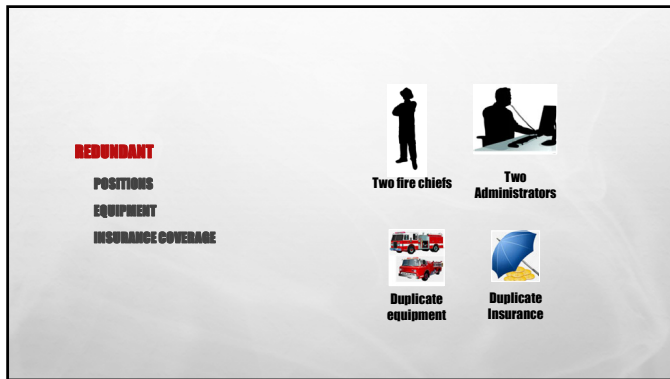
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WHICH TRUCK SHOULD I TAKE?

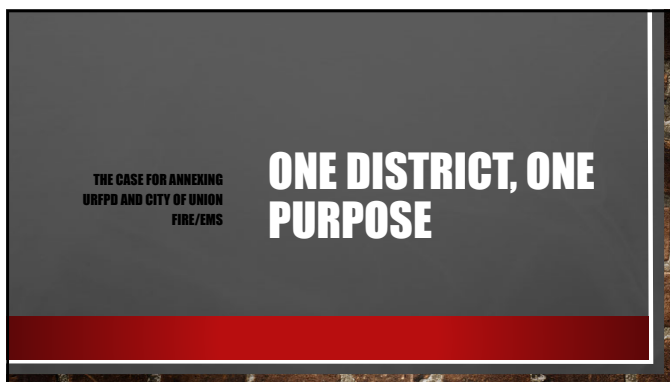


- AM I A CITY VOLUNTEER OR A RURAL VOLUNTEER?
- IS THIS A CITY FIRE OR A RURAL FIRE?
- IS THE VEHICLE I'M TAKING OWNED BY THE CITY OR RURAL?
- IF I TAKE THIS VEHICLE, AM I INSURED?
- IF I'M IN AN ACCIDENT WITH THIS VEHICLE WHOSE INSURANCE COVERS IT?

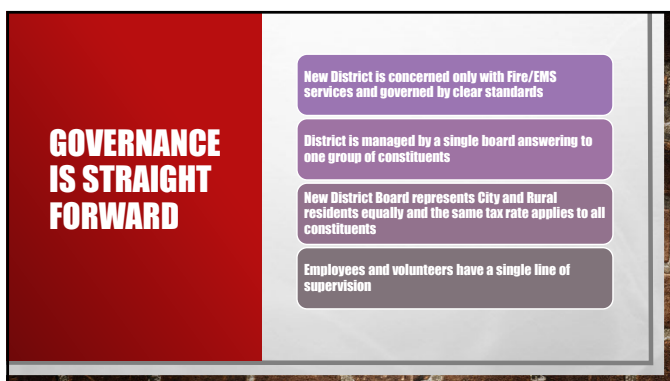
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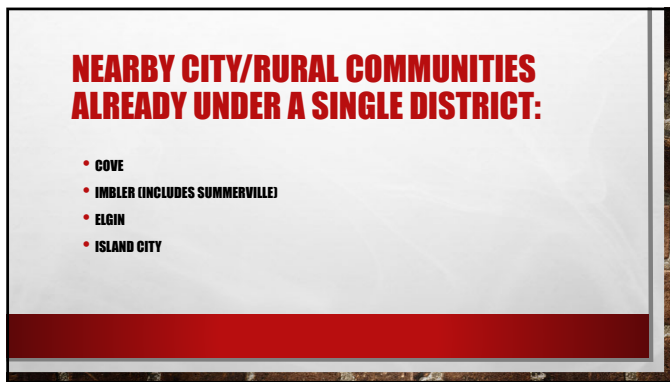
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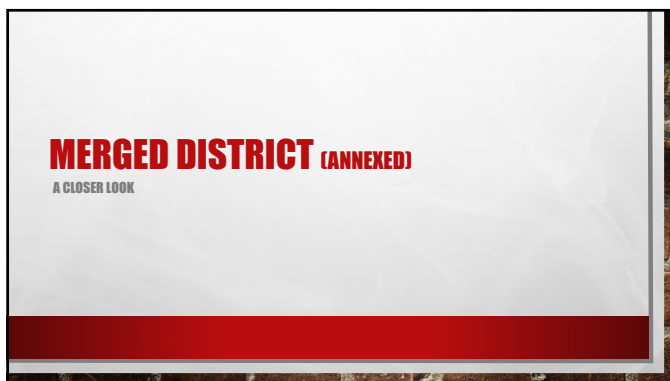
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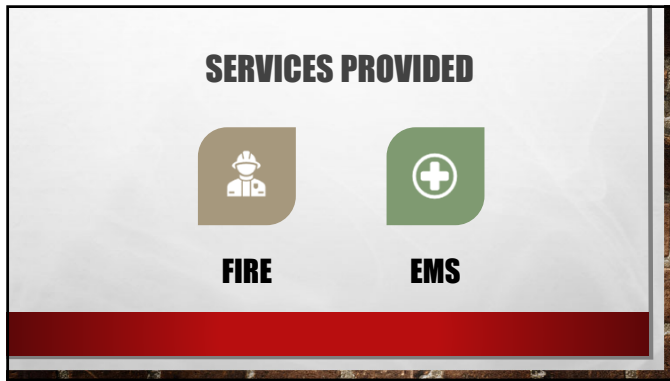
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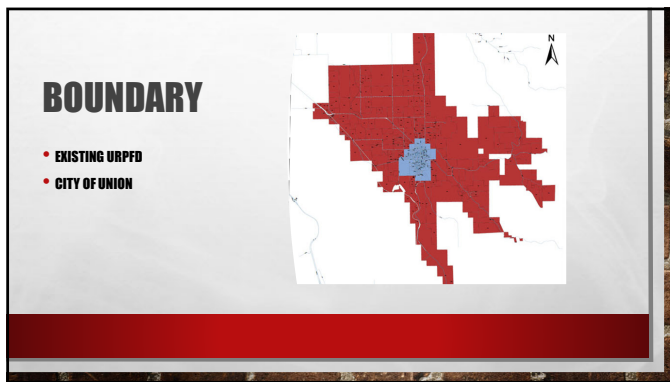
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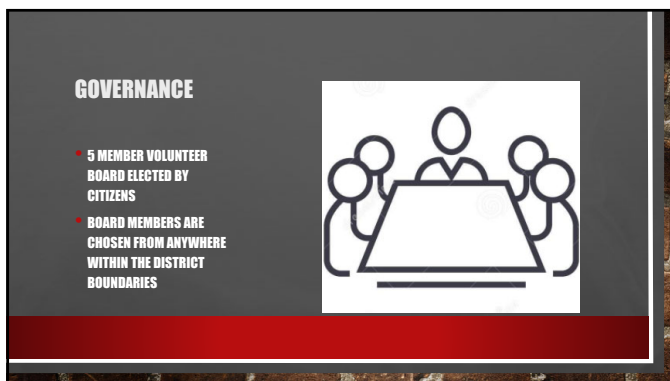
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EMPLOYEES



One part time Fire Chief



One part time Clerk



One part time EMS Coordinator

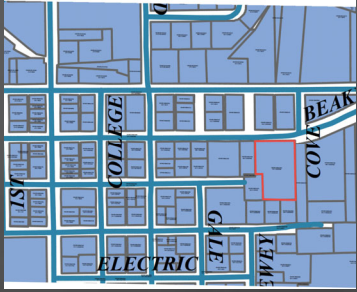


Volunteers

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PHYSICAL PLANT

- PROPERTY
 - 1.45 ACRES
 - ASSESSED VALUE \$74,280



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PHYSICAL PLANT

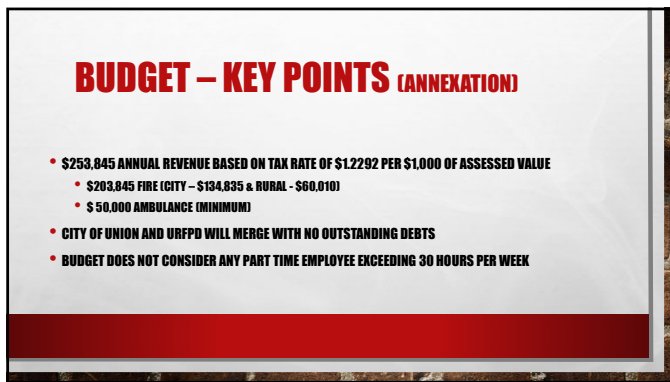
- STRUCTURES
 - MAIN FIRE HALL
 - 6,000 SQUARE FEET
 - ASSESSED VALUE \$220,280
 - TENDER SHED
 - 1230 SQUARE FEET
 - ASSESSED VALUE \$56,690




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OVERVIEW OF ANEXATION PROCESS

- **RESOLUTION FROM UNION CITY COUNCIL TO ANNEX**
 - PLACE ANNEXATION ON BALLOT FOR UNION CITIZENS
- **RURAL FIRE BOARD APPROVES ANNEX**
 - PLACE ANNEXATION ON BALLOT FOR RURAL CUSTOMERS
- **IF PASSES BOTH RURAL AND CITY VOTERS**
 - DISSOLVE CITY OF UNION FIRE/EMS
 - DISTRICT WOULD ENCOMPASS BOTH RURAL AND CITY
 - ANYONE IN EXPANDED DISTRICT WOULD BE ELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR ELECTED POSITION ON BOARD

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR CITY RESIDENTS

- \$10.00 CITY FEE ELIMINATED FROM UTILITY BILL
- MORE EQUITABLE FEES BASED ON WHAT RESIDENTS HAVE AT RISK
- CITY OF UNION NO LONGER BUDGETS FIRE/EMS SERVICES
- CITY OF UNION LIABILITY EXPOSURE FOR FIRE/EMS SERVICES IS ELIMINATED
- CITY RESIDENTS HAVE LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF FIRE HALL AND PROPERTY

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR RURAL RESIDENTS

- RURAL RESIDENTS' EFFECT IS NO CHANGE
- CITY CONTRIBUTES VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT AND APPROXIMATELY \$250,000 IN CASH TO THE DISTRICT
- SCHEDULED VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS FOR:
 - AMBULANCE
 - FIRE ENGINE
 - RESCUE TRUCK
 - TENDER

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THERE IS A DOWN SIDE...

- **SOME UNION RESIDENTS WILL PAY MORE FOR FIRE COVERAGE**
 - DO NOT CURRENTLY PAY FOR WATER SERVICE
- OR-**
- **PROPERTY HAS AN ASSESSED VALUE OF MORE THAN \$120,000**
- **UNION CITY COUNCIL NO LONGER HAS CONTROL OVER FIRE/EMS SERVICES**

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WHAT'S IN IT FOR EVERYONE!

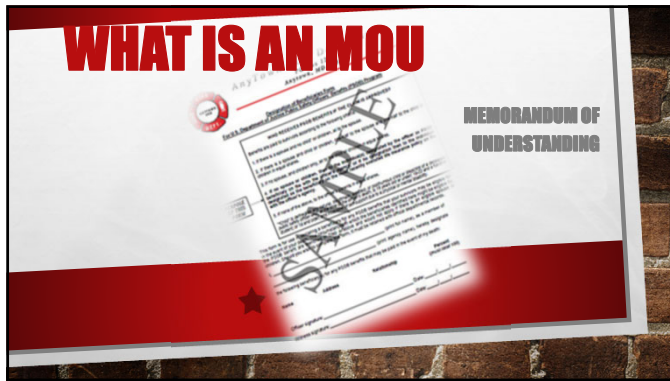
- **ONE DISTRICT ONE PURPOSE**
- **VOLUNTEERS HAVE A SINGLE LINE OF SUPERVISION**
- **CLEAR LINES OF LIABILITY**
- **REDUNDANCY ELIMINATED**
- **REDUCED COSTS FOR BOTH RURAL AND CITY RESIDENTS**
- **STREAMLINED TRAINING**
- **SINGLE POINT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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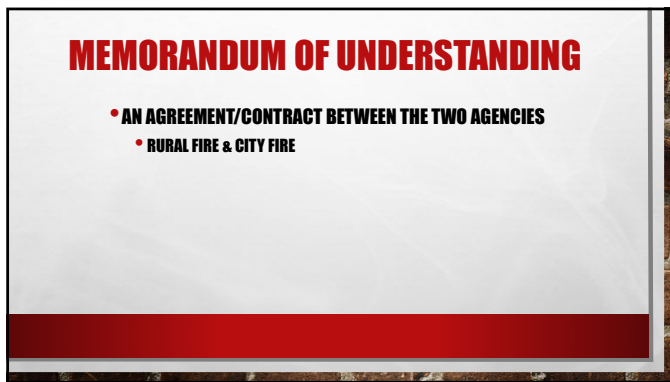
WHAT IF?

- **ANNEXATION DOES NOT PASS?**
 - **MOU FOR SERVICES**

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MOU - DOWNSIDE

- NEW COUNCILS/ELECTED BOARDS MAY RESCIND MOU FOR NO REASON AND LITTLE NOTICE
- SOME REDUNDANCY IN EXPENSES REMAIN
- CONTRACT REVIEWS
- NON-ACHIEVEMENT OF COMPLETE UNITY
- WHO OWNS WHAT
- WHO DAMAGED WHAT
- SUPERVISION CAN BECOME FOGGY

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QUESTIONS?



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