

**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL  
LITTLE CANADA, MINNESOTA**

**JUNE 8, 2022**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof a Workshop meeting of the City Council of Little Canada, Minnesota was convened on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022 in the Conference Room of the City Center located at 515 Little Canada Road in said City.

Mayor John Keis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the following members of the City Council were present at roll call:

**CITY COUNCIL:** Mayor Keis, Council Members Fischer, McGraw and Miller.  
Absent: Torkelson.

**ALSO PRESENT:** City Administrator Chris Heineman and City Clerk/HR Manager Heidi Heller. Guests: Little Canada Fire Department – Chief Don Smiley, Captain Mike Morelan, Bryce Shearen and Pat Keenan.

**LITTLE CANADA FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL UPDATE**

Fire Chief Smiley reported in 2021 Steve Schuster retired after 21 years on the Fire Department, and three new fire fighters were hired in November. He noted they now have 30 members which is how many they want. He stated they are very lucky to have about 15 members that can respond to fire calls during the day, which is unique, especially for a smaller city.

Chief Smiley stated the calls have been higher for the last couple of years, and 2021 had the same number of calls as 2020. He reviewed the mutual aid calls with the neighboring cities, auto aid calls on the freeway system, and the Closest-Unit Program for cardiac arrest calls. He stated the Fire Department members will again be working during Canadian Days. He explained the members work in the beer tent, but the Fire Department is only helping the Canadian Days Committee and does not make any money from the sales.

Chief Smiley reviewed the 2021 budget and stated there were some areas that went over budget. He explained that the Fire Department will not ask the city for more money as they will cover the overages with either leftover funds from previous years or charitable gambling funds. He noted that building utility and fuel costs were higher than budgeted and he expects those will continue to increase in 2022. He stated they had more opportunities to train at the East Metro Training Facility so training costs were much higher.

Chief Smiley reported that so far in 2022, the firefighter memorial was completed and a new radio system was purchased and put into service. He stated the new ladder truck was ordered in January, but it is not expected to be delivered until Fall 2023. He noted they have delayed a few vehicle replacements for a couple more years since they are still in good condition.

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.**

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John T. Keis, Mayor

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Christopher Heineman, City Administrator