

# CITY OF HIGH POINT

## AGENDA ITEM



**Title:** Fire Apparatus Donation - Francisco Volunteer Fire Department

**From:** Thomas Reid, Fire Chief

**Meeting Date:** May 7, 2018

**Public Hearing:** N/A

**Advertising Date** 4/25/2018

**Advertised By:** City Attorney's Office

**Attachments:** Letter from Chief Reid  
Request Letter from Francisco VFD with Articles of Incorporation  
Resolution Approving Donation of Surplus Equipment

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### **PURPOSE:**

Donation of a 1992 Seagrave Pumper that was inherited with the Deep River Fire District liquidation/merger to Francisco Volunteer Fire District which serves northwest Stokes County.

### **BACKGROUND:**

High Point Fire Department acquired a 1992 Seagrave Pumper during the Deep River Fire District and City of High Point liquidation/merger in early 2005. This pumper has served as a reserve apparatus for the last 5 years and was decommissioned in January of this year as no longer meeting the standard set by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association).

High Point Fire Department had a request from the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department to donate the Seagrave Pumper to their organization as they do not have funds to purchase a truck. In researching this department, they are all volunteer operating out of one fire station. They cover an area of approximately 32 square miles with a population slightly over 3000 residents in Stokes County, NC. Their funding consists of approximately \$200,000 in fire tax funds and whatever they can raise from BBQ's and stews. Their goal is to open another station in this large district to help with coverage of the area. This truck will be the main apparatus in that station.

### **BUDGET IMPACT:**

None

### **RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:**

The Fire Department is recommending that City Council adopt a Resolution approving the donation of a 1992 Seagrave Pumper to Francisco Volunteer Fire District.



## HIGH POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Fire Chief



March 27, 2018

To: Randy McCaslin, Deputy City Manager

From: Thomas Reid, Fire Chief

Ref: Fire Truck Donation

Randy,

The Fire Department has a 1992 Seagrave Pumper that was given to us when we inherited the Deep River Fire Department Assets. As you know the county presently pays us to provide fire protection to the Deep River Fire District. This truck has served as a reserve apparatus for the last 5 years and was decommissioned in January of this year. We have had a request from the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department to donate the Seagrave Pumper to their organization as they do not have funds to purchase a truck. In researching this department, they are all volunteer operating out of one fire station. They cover an area of approximately 32 square miles with a population slightly over 3000 residents in Stokes County, NC. Their funding consists of approximately 200,000 in fire tax funds and whatever they can raise from BBQ's and stews. Their goal is to open another station in this large district to help with coverage of the area. This truck will be the main apparatus in that station.

HPFD Fire Captain Tim Layton serves as a volunteer for Francisco and helped facilitate the request. This truck has served the Deep River and High Point communities well. In our spirit of helping others it would speak well of the city by helping others less fortunate than us.

I am proposing that we donate the surplus 1992 Seagrave Pumper to Francisco Volunteer Fire Department which serves an all rural area. The Fire Department has 38 volunteers, who can desperately use this apparatus.

Respectfully,

Thomas Reid,  
Fire Chief

Tim Layton  
Francisco Volunteer Fire Department  
7100 NC HWY 89 West  
Westfield, NC 27053  
July 17, 2017

Chief M.T. Reid  
Fire Chief  
High Point Fire Department  
434 South Elm Street  
High Point, NC 27262

Dear Chief M.T. Reid:

I am sending you this letter to request a potential price or possibility of donating the Seagrave pumper, formerly designated as Deep River Engine 181, to a volunteer fire department in Stokes County. This apparatus is well suited to provide fire protection in the rural setting. As you are aware, it is an enclosed cab with better than average compartment space, 1750 GPM pump, and carries 750 gallons of water. It also has a great hose bed for carrying plenty of supply hose as well as fire attack hose for the long hose lays and hose stretches utilized in most rural firefighting settings. Future plans of the fire department include the possibility of building a sub-station to cover the far end of the district. This pumper could serve as the primary pumper at the sub-station.

The Francisco Volunteer Fire Department serves approximately 3200 people covering 32 square miles out of one location located at 7100 NC HWY 89 West in Westfield, NC. The department has 38 members and provides firefighting, rescue, and EMT level medical response. The response area is mostly residential and farm land with sporadic industrial and commercial occupancies. Much of the annual operating budget is granted by the Stokes County Board of Commissioners and the remaining sparse monies is raised through chicken stews and metal donations.

This is an all-volunteer fire department where the community comes together to help each other and those passing through the area. Since moving to this area of Stokes County, I wanted to use my experience and training I've attained while working as a career firefighter in the City of High Point, to give back by volunteering my time and talents to the community. This is a wonderful chance for the City of High Point to assist this small community in providing a reliable firefighting apparatus for use in protecting the citizens and property of this area. By doing so, the City of High Point and the High Point Fire Department sets the example for other municipalities by supporting these volunteer organizations so they may continue to aid neighbors helping neighbors.

This apparatus would tremendously enhance the fire protection of Francisco Volunteer Fire Department's response area. As you have experienced rural firefighting and the challenges it presents, including procuring grants or funds for the purchase of apparatus and equipment, you fully understand how this apparatus would prove to be a great asset to the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department by providing an additional pumper for

Chief M.T. Reid

July 17, 2017

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responding to fires and emergencies in Stokes County. Please feel free to contact me or Francisco Fire Department's Fire Chief, Atherton Jessup, if you would like more information on this request. You can contact me at 336-669-7681 or at [smoke47637@gmail.com](mailto:smoke47637@gmail.com) or Fire Chief Atherton Jessup at 336-661-5762 or [ajessup@co.stokes.nc.us](mailto:ajessup@co.stokes.nc.us). If you would like to know more about our organization, please visit our Facebook page at: Francisco Volunteer Fire Department Inc @FranciscoFireDept.

Very Respectfully,

Tim Layton

Firefighter

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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.,  
(Name of Corporation)

## A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

We, the undersigned natural persons of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators for the purpose of creating a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of North Carolina, as contained in Chapter 55A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, entitled "Non-Profit Corporation Act", and the several amendments thereto, do hereby set forth:

1. The name of the corporation is Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

2. The period of duration of the corporation shall be Perpetual.

(May be perpetual or for a limited period)

3. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To Provide a Fire Department and Rescue Squad for the Francisco Community Area of Stokes County, N. C. being generally the Francisco School District area, and to provide a Community Building for the said area, the said Fire Department to be manned by persons with the training, education and knowledge requisite to direct the use of fire fighting equipment in combatting destructive fires and dangerous and uncontrolled fires, and to rescue persons and property from fires and other hazards, and dangers, and to educate persons in the community in the means to prevent and combat uncontrolled and destructive fires.

To own, control, manage, buy, sell, rent, lease, and exchange land, trucks, equipment, and apparatus designed to be useful in combating dangerous and uncontrolled fires in the Francisco Community, and in the Northwestern part of Stokes County, and in adjoining areas, and in rescue operations in the protection of persons and property from other hazards and dangers, as well as in fighting fires of a destructive nature.

To Raise money by lawful means for the operation of a fire department and rescue squad, and a community building, to ask that funds will be available to buy buildings and construct buildings, buy land, trucks, equipment, and apparatus for a fire department and rescue squad, and to have a community building for the neighborhood

4. The corporation is to have the following class or classes of members: (If there are to be no members, so state.)

There will be no classes of members. All directors, and firemen and other interested citizens will be members of the corporation.

5. Directors of the corporation shall be elected in the following manner: By a vote of a majority of the members of the Corporation present at the time of the election.

6. The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is as follows:

Street address, (if none, so state) % Norman K. Shelton,

City or town rt. 2. Westfield, N. C., 27053.

County Stokes County.

The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at the above address is \_\_\_\_\_

Norman K. Shelton, rt. 2., Westfield, N. C. 27053.

7. The number of directors constituting the initial board of directors shall be five, and the names and addresses (including street and number, if any) of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of the corporation or until their successors are elected and qualified are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS (If none, so state)	CITY OR TOWN
A. H. Nunn,	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.
J. D. Goins.	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.
Marion George.	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.,
Wayne Flippin.	rt. 23.	<del>Westfield, N. C.</del> , Stuart, Va.,
Norman K. Shelton.	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.,

8. The names and addresses (including street and number, if any) of all the incorporators are:

NAME	STREET ADDRESS (If none, so state)	CITY OR TOWN
Marion George,	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.
Norman K. Shelton.	rt. 2.	Westfield, N. C.,
Wayne Flippin.	rt. 3.	Stuart, Va.,

9. In addition to the powers granted corporations under the laws of the State of North Carolina, the corporation shall have full power and authority to

Own and operate a fire department, rescue squad and community building, for the protection of human life, and the property of all persons in Stokes County, but particularly for the benefit of the Francisco Community and the Francisco School District of Stokes County, and to provide a building suitable for wholesome recreation and community activities for the uplift and improvement of the Francisco School District of Stokes County. To make the Community Building available for the use of civic, religious and educational groups. To protect persons and property from injury or death from fire, and from other hazards. To train, educate, and equip persons for the fighting of dangerous and uncontrolled fires and from other hazards and dangers.

To do and perform any and all tasks for the operation of a Fire Department and Rescue Squad, and for the construction and operation of a Community Building for the Francisco School District in the northwestern part of Stokes County, North Carolina, and to encourage persons to have a greater pride in the Francisco Community and to provide a wholesome place for recreation, training, education, and use of persons who want a better community, and to pay for the operation of a fire department and rescue squad and community building, and to borrow money for the purchase of land, buildings, fire-fighting and rescue squad equipment, and for the construction of facilities for such purpose, and to raise money to re-pay such borrowed money. To co-operate with other fire departments in this section of the State of North Carolina.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands, this the 4th day  
of June, A.D. 1968.

Norman K. Shelton  
Marion George  
Wayne Flippin

STATE OF North Carolina.  
COUNTY OF Stokes.

This is to certify that on the 4th day of N June, A.D. 1968., before  
me, a Notary Public. personally appeared

Norman K. Shelton.  
Marion George.  
Wayne Flippin.

who, I am satisfied, are the persons named in and who executed the foregoing Article of Incorporation, and I having first made known to them the contents thereof, they did each acknowledge that they signed and delivered the same as their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this the 4th day  
of June, A.D. 1968.

(L. S.)

L. H. Van Hopper  
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires January 9, 1970.

\*Insert any provisions desired to be included in the Articles of Incorporation such as: regulation of internal affairs of the corporation, any matters required to be set forth in the by-laws, etc. See Chapter 55A of the General Statutes.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING DONATION OF SURPLUS 1992 SEAGRAVE PUMPER  
TRUCK  
TO FRANCISCO VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PURSUANT TO G.S. 160A-280**

**WHEREAS**, the City of High Point owns a 1992 Seagrave Pumper Truck which is no longer useful to the City and should be declared as surplus to the City's needs; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C.G.S. 160A-280 allows cities to donate to a nonprofit corporation any personal property that the City Council deems surplus, obsolete, or unused; and

**WHEREAS**, City staff recommends that the above-described City equipment be declared surplus and be donated to the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., a nonprofit organization incorporated in the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160A-280, the High Point City Council has caused a public notice of this proposed donation to be posted at least five days prior to the adoption of this Resolution approving the donation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the High Point City Council that (1) the equipment identified above is hereby declared to be surplus to the needs of the City of High Point based upon its age and condition; and (2) public notice of this proposed Resolution has been posted at least five days prior to the adoption of this Resolution approving the donation.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the High Point City Council hereby approves the donation of the surplus City equipment, and that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of High Point, the necessary documents to convey ownership of the above-described equipment by donation to the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of N.C.G.S. 160A-280.

Adopted this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018

Lisa B. Vierling,  
High Point City Clerk



**PUBLIC NOTICE OF  
RESOLUTION APPROVING  
THE DONATION OF 1992  
SEAGRAVE PUMPER  
TRUCK TO THE  
FRANCISCO VOLUNTEER  
FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.  
PURSUANT TO THE  
PROVISIONS OF N.C.G.S.  
160A-280**

The City Council of the City of High Point intends, at its regular meeting to be held at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, May 7, 2018 to adopt a Resolution approving the donation of a 1992 Seagrave Pumper Truck to the Francisco Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., a nonprofit North Carolina corporation, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-280. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers, Third Floor, High Point Municipal Building, 211 South Hamilton Street.

Lisa B. Vierling, MMC  
High Point City Clerk  
**Apr. 25, 2018**