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Chief K Oplinger

Representatives from the county fire department gave a brief presentation about the expansion of service zone FP-5 at the Yucca Valley Town Council meeting last night. More than a dozen residents spoke against the fire fee of \$157 that would be added to their property taxes, and four of the five council members also voiced their opposition to it. (Mayor Rick Denison, a former county fire battalion chief, supports the fire fee.) Some of the opposition to the fire fee was due to the way it was being implemented, by making residents go online to download and print a protest form to be completed and mailed in before October 15. After the meeting, fire officials met with residents to answer their questions about the fire fee. Managing editor Tami Roleff says that following the fire presentation, the council heard about Measure O to benefit the Morongo Unified School District and how a repeal of the gas tax would affect the town's infrastructure projects...

Morongo Unified School District board member Hilary Slotta told council members in her presentation about the \$62 million Measure O bond that is on the November ballot that the funds would be used solely to renovate and modernize school facilities. The bond measure would add \$55 per \$100,000 of a property's assessed value. Some of the items that would be updated with the bonds would be a new district-wide security system that would allow a school to be locked down with the touch of a button; and connecting a school's surveillance cameras to the Sheriff's Department. Internet connectivity and Wi-Fi would be improved; as well as aging electrical systems, ventilation, and heating and air-conditioning systems; and roofs replaced. Slotta emphasized that all bond funds must be spent locally and can't be taken by the state.

Then the council heard about how the approval of Prop 6—which if passed, would repeal the 12 cent-per-gallon gasoline tax—would adversely affect the town. The town is expecting to receive about \$357,000 a year as its share of the gas tax, which can only be used on road infrastructure. With the partial payment of \$126,000 that it received this year, it repaved Buena Vista. If Prop 6 is approved and the gas tax is repealed, the town would have to shift funds from other street projects or delay them.

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FIRE FEE, SCHOOL BONDS, GAS TAX, ALL AT TONIGHT'S YUCCA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

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The Yucca Valley Town Council has a full agenda for its regular meeting tonight. Managing editor Tami Roleff says the council will hear about the county's proposed fire fee, the school district's new bond measure, the gas tax, and more...

At tonight's regular meeting of the Yucca Valley Town Council, council members will hear a report from the County fire department about the expansion of service zone FP-5, which will add about \$157 to property tax owners in areas throughout the county. The fire report will be followed by a report from the school district about its Measure O bond, that will raise money for school renovations and repairs. Also on the agenda, the council will hear a department report about the gas tax, and its effect on town infrastructure projects, and how it will affect the town if it's repealed.

Council members will also hear a report on a point in time count of homelessness and be asked to approve \$1,000 for Morongo Basin Haven. And finally, the council will hear a report on a county-wide community indicators report, kind of a state of the county report. Tonight's meeting starts at 6 p.m. in the Yucca Room of the Yucca Valley Community Center.

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