

# **Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District**

Meeting of The Commission Minutes: October 26, 2015  
6:15pm at the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District Station

## **In Attendance:**

Commissioners: Pam Hilsman, Chairperson, Scott Owens, Vice Chairperson, JR Jackson, Secretary/Treasurer and Christopher Chestnut

Others Present: Warren Ashmore, Taft Matney, and Robert Farmer

## **Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

Bart Winkler, Reason: Illness

## **Proceedings:**

Invocation was given by Robert Farmer.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Hilsman.

In accordance with South Carolina legal requirements, meeting notification was posted on the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue door and website (landrumfire.com).

Minutes of the previous meeting on September 28, 2015 were read and approved.

## Old Business

JR Jackson gave an update on the status of the posting of the Fire Chief position on the SC State Fire Association website.

Taft Matney gave an update on the status of the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District website and public notice campaign. The website is live.

## Fire Chief's Report

Warren Ashmore presented the Fire Chief's Report for the month of September 2015, information pertaining to routine maintenance to the building and equipment, the status of the grants that had been applied for, and information about the fire district's involvement in the Halloween Stroll on October 31, 2015.

## Treasurer's Report

JR Jackson presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2015.

Discussion took place on the Christmas bonuses that have been traditionally been given to the volunteers and members. Further discussion was tabled.

## Additional Items / Old Business

Scott Owens stated, "Pursuant to Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, I MOVE that this body enter executive session for the purpose of discussing information as it pertains to employment of potential applicants for the Fire Chief position." The motion was seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous.

MOTION to end executive session was made by JR Jackson and seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous. No decisions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Christopher Chestnut stated, "I MOVE that we amend the agenda to add an item allowing The Commission to appoint an interim Fire Chief and to provide compensation for that interim Fire Chief, who shall remain in that position and receive approved compensation until such time as The Commission appoints a permanent Fire Chief and he or she fills the position on a full-time basis. I make this motion because of the time-sensitive nature of placing someone in the position. With the transfer of assets and liabilities from the City of Landrum to the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District, The Commission needs to officially appoint an interim Fire Chief to provide supervision of equipment and personnel and provide day-to-day administrative oversight as the area's fire service transitions from the City of Landrum to the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District." The motion was seconded Scott Owens, unanimous.

MOTION to invite Warren Ashmore to be the interim Fire Chief for the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District was made by Scott Owens and seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous.

The invite to be the interim Fire Chief for the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District was accepted by Warren Ashmore.

MOTION to pay the interim Fire Chief five hundred dollars per week beginning October 1, 2015 through the end of the interim Fire Chief period was made by Scott Owens, and seconded by JR Jackson, unanimous.

Set next meeting for November 2, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Landrum Depot.

MOTION to adjourn at 8:04pm was made by JR Jackson and seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous.

*Submitted by*

*JR Jackson*