

Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District

Meeting of The Commission Minutes: December 14, 2015
6:00pm at the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District Station

In Attendance:

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

Others Present: Warren Ashmore, Taft Matney, Blake Smyth, Calem Upton, Danny Jones and Jason Ayers

Proceedings:

Invocation was given by Bart Winkler.

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 November 30, 2015 were read and approved.

Old Business

Taft Matney gave an update on the public campaign to provide information about the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District to the citizens of the covered area.

Discussion took place on the Christmas rewards for the paid personnel and volunteers of the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District. MOTION to give the paid personnel net payroll checks in the amount of \$100.00 and to give the volunteers checks in the amount of \$100.00 was made by JR Jackson and seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

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

Fire Chief's Report

Warren Ashmore presented the Fire Chief's Report for the month of November 2015.

Additional Items

The first reading of the proposed ordinance to authorize cost recovery measures under authority granted to the Commission under in accordance with Subsection (19) of Section 4-23-1220 of the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District's enabling act (Act 48 of 2015) took place. MOTION to accept the first reading was made by Bart Winkler and seconded by Christopher Chestnut, unanimous.

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 JR Jackson, unanimous.

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

New Business

Citing a potential conflict of interest due to certain professional relationships, pursuant to Section 8-13-700 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, Christopher Chestnut submitted a letter to Chairwoman Hilsman recusing himself from any votes, deliberations, and other actions relating to the candidacy of an applicant for the position of Fire Chief for the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District. Chairwoman Hilsman read Christopher Chestnut's letter for the record, and as prescribed by state law, a copy of his letter is included in the minutes.

MOTION to extend the permanent position of Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District Fire Chief to Warren Ashmore was made by Bart Winkler and seconded by Scott Owens. The motion passed 4-0, with Christopher Chestnut having recused himself.

The offer to be the permanent Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District Fire Chief was accepted by Warren Ashmore in principal.

Set next meeting for January 25, 2015 at 6:00pm at the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue Station.

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

Submitted by

JR Jackson

12/3/2015

Dear Chairwoman Hilsman:

Pursuant to Section 8-13-700 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, please allow this letter to serve as notice that I must and hereby recuse myself from any votes, deliberations, and other actions relating to the candidacy of an applicant for the position of fire chief for the Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District.

The justification in this recusal is based on a potential conflict-of-interest due to professional relationships I have representing family members of the applicant through my firm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Christopher Chestnut

Commissioner, Landrum Area Fire and Rescue District

