

**Minutes**  
**Fire Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 26, 2020**

The Fire Committee Meeting was held Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Council Chairman Eddie Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Member Jo Sanders, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Council Chairman Eddie Kitchen, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Member Jo Sanders, Fire Chief Robert Stetson.

**1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome:** Council Chairman Kitchen called the meeting to order and welcomed all present.

**2. Disclosure that local media has been informed of meeting pursuant to South Carolina Freedom of Information Act:** Committee Chairman Kitchen stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Fire Committee meeting for February 26, 2020.

**3. Equipment:**

Committee Chairman Kitchen recognized Fire Chief Robert Stetson. Stetson discussed the conditions on the current equipment. 3 engines are 20-25 years old and that increases the maintenance cost. The budget item will not meet budget.

Stetson recommended the following options:

- New Apparatus purchase
- Lease / Purchase agreement
- Buy 2 used Pumpers – which would get the Fire Department by 10 years

It was the consensus of the Fire Committee to use Virgil Slagle to perform a third party evaluation on the Fire Department. Slagle would determine what would be needed at the department. The cost is \$2,110.00.

Stetson informed the Committee about a letter from "The Calendar Guys". They would be soliciting funds from local businesses with proceeds going towards a radio control drone.

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**4. Adjournment:**

Committee Chairman Kitchen made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Sanders seconded the motion.

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Eddie Kitchen  
Fire Committee Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk