

**Minutes
Fire Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 18, 2021**

The Fire Committee Meeting was held Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. in the Raymond Pridgen Auditorium. The following were notified of the time, date, and place of the meeting: Council Chairman Andre Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Member Terry Davis, the City Staff, and the press. Present at the meeting were the following: Fire Committee Chairman Andre Campbell, Mayor Pro Tem Pat Phillips, Council Member Terry Davis, Fire Chief Robert Stetson, Shawn Lee, Interim City Administrator Holly Jackson.

1. Call Meeting To Order & Welcome: Committee Chairman Campbell 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 Campbell stated the local media had been contacted regarding the time, date, and place of the Fire Committee meeting for August 18, 2021.

3. Dilapidated Housing Update

Committee Chairman Campbell recognized Captain Shawn Lee. Captain Lee gave an update on burning the dilapidated houses in the area. There will be new guidelines before any houses can be burned or torn down.

4. CTC, Explorer & Cadet Programs

Captain Lee stated many cities/towns are not participating in these programs. It has been found that many of these youth are using these programs as an avenue of getting away from home. Many places also stated there was a drop in grades of the participants.

5. Ordinance Sec. 08.08.30

Chief Stetson gave a report on open burning. The committee was asked if they wanted a complete ban on burning. Chairman Campbell was in favor of the complete ban on burning. Chief Stetson stated there would have to be provisions for fire pits, charcoal grills, etc. Stetson stated he would have a draft of this ban at the next committee meeting.

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6. Adjournment:

Mayor Pro Tem Phillips made a motion to adjourn.

Andre Campbell
Council Member / Fire Committee Chairman

ATTEST:

Felicia J. Sawyer, City Clerk