

**CITY OF LAURINBURG
CITY/COUNTY JOINT MEETING
NOVEMBER 13, 2007
NORTH FIRE STATION
501 NORTH MAIN ST.
LAURINBURG, NC
5:30 P.M.**

Minutes

The City Council of the City of Laurinburg reconvened its special meeting held on November 8, 2007 which had been recessed until November 13, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the needs of the Laurinburg Fire Department with the Honorable Rembert DeBerry, Mayor Pro Tempore, presiding. The following Councilmembers were present: Amanda B. Faulk, Curtis B. Leak, Thomas W. Parker, III and Herbert M. Rainer, Jr.

Also present were Craig F. Honeycutt, City Manager, Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk, and Mayor-Elect Matthew Block.

Rembert DeBerry, Mayor Pro Tempore introduced Scott Witten, Editor, *The Laurinburg Exchange*. He informed Council that Mr. Witten was the new editor of the local newspaper.

Mayor Pro Tempore DeBerry then turned the meeting over to Mr. Harold Smith, Laurinburg Fire Chief.

Mr. Smith introduced officers and volunteers of the Laurinburg Fire Department.

Mr. Smith then stated that he had four objectives he would like to present to Council and listed them as follows:

1. To provide the Laurinburg City Council with information regarding the current status of the Laurinburg Fire Department;
2. To provide the Laurinburg City Council with information pertaining to current standards, requirements, and laws governing the daily functions of the Laurinburg Fire Department and its service to citizens and protection of Firefighters;
3. To provide the Laurinburg City Council with current and expected needs of the Laurinburg Fire Department to meet up to date standards, requirements, and laws; and
4. What the Laurinburg Fire Department needs from the Council:
 - a. What NC Rating level would you like the Fire Department to maintain?
 - b. What level of fire inspections would you like for the Fire Department to achieve?
 - c. To what extent does the Council expect the Fire Department to comply with NFPA standards?
 - d. Are there services that the Council would like the Fire Department to offer, that are not currently being offered?
 - e. Does the Council want the Fire Department to pursue volunteer or paid staffing to address personnel shortages?

Mr. Smith then presented a PowerPoint presentation which addressed the above objectives.

Councilmember Rainer left at 7:40 p.m.

Following a general discussion, there was no action taken by City Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tempore DeBerry, seconded by Councilmember Faulk, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Rembert DeBerry, Mayor Pro Tempore

Dolores A. Hammond, City Clerk