

Minutes
Budget Work Session
Aberdeen Board of Commissioners

March 24, 2009
Tuesday, 5:30 p.m.

Aberdeen Town Hall
Aberdeen, North Carolina

The Aberdeen Town Board met on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 to discuss the budget plans for the Fire Department. Board members present were Mayor Betsy Mofield and Commissioners Walter Wright, Jim Thomas, Pat Ann McMurray, Donna Shannon and Robbie Farrell. Mayor Mofield called the Budget Work Session to order. Town Manager Bill Zell, Fire Chief Phillip Richardson, Deputy Fire Chief Richard Allred and Town Clerk Regina Rosy were also in attendance.

Fire Chief Richardson stated he had a short presentation. He stated one of the Fire Department's goals for the upcoming year is to reduce the current ISO rating of a 6 inside the Town limits and 9 outside the Town limits. He stated he also hopes to get the response time to 4 minutes or less 90% of the time. He stated his third goal was to maintain the current level of service without a budget increase. Next, he explained that even though he is not asking for any additional equipment or personnel this upcoming year, he had several ideas for future consideration. He stated if the Town continues to grow, then the Fire Department is going to need to expand to allow for more storage area, office space, a fitness room, upgraded kitchen, and sleeping quarters. He stated a new ladder truck is also going to be needed because the current one is 18 years old and is only 55 feet. He stated right now the current ladder truck can not service the new hotel. He also stated a substation will be needed in the future if the Legacy develops as is anticipated. Mayor Mofield thanked the Fire Department for all that they do and praised them for a doing such a great job.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wright, seconded by Commissioner Thomas, to adjourn the budget work session. Motion unanimously carried.

Regina M. Rosy, Town Clerk

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Walter H. Wright, Presiding Commissioner

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