

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RUTHERFORD
TOWN OF RUTHERFORDTON

May 10, 2010

The Rutherfordton Town Council held a special meeting this day at 6:00 pm, in the Council room at Rutherfordton Town Hall, 129 North Main Street. The purpose of this special meeting was to hear a presentation from Fire Chief Tommy Blanton concerning the Code Red Notification System and to have a FY 2010-2011 budget workshop. Mayor Dancy called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Stan Clements, Bob Jones, Christy Bare and Terry Cobb. Also in attendance were: Rus Scherer, Finance Director; John McWhorter, Planning and Development Director; Kevin Lovelace, Police Chief; Keith Ward, Public Works Director; Tommy Blanton, Fire Chief; Pat Hardin, Library Director; and Karen Andrews, Town Manager.

Fire Chief Blanton explained the Code Red Notification System, which works like a reverse 911 system. Rutherford County has received a proposal for this system and has offered to the four larger municipalities in the County a chance to participate. The system could be used to notify Town residents in case of emergencies and other urgent information. The estimated cost for the Town would be approximately three thousand dollars per year. After a brief discussion, Councilmember Jones made a motion for the Town of Rutherfordton to participate in the Code Red Notification System, with Councilmember Bare seconding. Motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed different ways to raise revenue needed to meet the \$147,788 deficit in the draft FY 2010-2011 budget. Possible solutions were to use \$26,252 from fund balance; charge a solid waste fee to apartments and commercial entities for any refuse cans over two, netting a possible \$18,621; charging a solid waste fee to non-subsidizing entities, netting a possible \$12,200; charging for a second weekly solid waste pick-up, netting perhaps \$17,500; and the removal of the fire vehicle from the proposed budget, with the savings of \$7,400. Possible reductions totaled \$81,973; giving a deficit of \$65,815.

Being no further business at 8:23 pm, the Council unanimously adjourned.

Mayor Jimmy Dancy

Karen E. Andrews, Town Manager