

## FIRST RESPONSE COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Meeting Date:** November 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Troups County Courthouse

**Present:** Amber Russell, Chris Gregory, David Nollner, Steve Whittaker, Linda Sue Bruce, Shane Burton, Judy Kerr

**Others Present:** Wayland Cothron, Amy Thomas, Jerod Mitchell

Chairman Amber Russell called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the September 22, 2025 meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve by Nollner, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.**

Floor opened for nomination of officers.

**Motion by Burton to retain current officers (Russell chair, Kerr vice chair, Gregory secretary), second by Nollner. Motion approved.**

Discussion held on status of burn permit ordinance, has been sent back to Codes & Zoning Committee for adjustment. Kerr asked to have noted that she did not support charging for permit and that permit should cover more than one day if necessary, felt previous minutes did not reflect that.

Chief Deputy Wayland Cothron noted that state's October-May burn permit requirement does not apply in Hartsville city limits, but only in county. State can and does issue burn bans if weather conditions require it. Cothron also noted that current ordinances forbid burning of trash. Kerr asked if treated plywood could be burned. Cothron was unsure but felt it could not.

Nollner noted that if burn permit ordinance passes, sheriff's department could cite violators to court where they could be fined.

Gregory asked Jerod Mitchell if there was any update from fire department regarding request for new building. No update available.

Next meeting scheduled for January 5 at 7 p.m.

**Motion to adjourn by Nollner, second by Whittaker. Motion approved.**

*Minutes presented by Chris Gregory.*