



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 14, 2013, 8:30 A.M.
MINUTES**

Officials Present: Chairman Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Clark, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Deputy Administrator Dr. George Hood, Atty. Marvin Jones, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus

In accordance with the freedom of information act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

Call to Order- Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Etheridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation- Chairman Etheridge asked Councilman Drayton to give the invocation. Councilman Drayton said he did not want to give the invocation. Chairman Etheridge asked Councilman Sauls to give the invocation. Councilman Sauls gave the invocation.

Approval of the Agenda- Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ordinance -Marvin Jones -2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the FY 2012-13 Budget of Jasper County so as to Repeal Funding for the Position of Deputy County Administrator and to Delete from the Approved Job Descriptions for Jasper County the Position of Deputy County Administrator – Mr. Jones explained that ordinance. Vice Chairman Clark motioned and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the FY 2012-13 Budget of Jasper County so as to Repeal Funding for the Position of Deputy County Administrator and to Delete from the Approved Job Descriptions for Jasper County the Position of Deputy County Administrator. Councilman Drayton said he knows why this is being done and asked if the Council looked at all the positions and if this was the only one being deleted. Councilman Drayton said he felt this was a personal vendetta and there are plenty of other ways to save money. Councilman Drayton said the employees are paid like level 2-3 counties and Jasper County is level 4, but Councilman Drayton said the Council doesn't mess with that because of their family members who work for the County. Councilman Drayton said every department head should have to come and justify every position in their department. Councilman Drayton said this is a personal vendetta and all the salaries needed to cut. Councilman Drayton said that they could cancel the retreat to save money, because nothing is done at the retreat and they make a list of things to do and nothing is done. Councilman Drayton said he met with Chairman Etheridge at

Mrs. Bartoldus’s home and Chairman Etheridge begged him to make him chairman and he was told by someone, he could not remember, who called him at home and said that someone was speaking ill of his sister. Councilman Drayton said there are vendettas and this ordinance is crap, this is bull crap. Chairman Etheridge called for the vote. The motion carried with Chairman Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Clark, Councilman Sauls and Councilman Johnson voting for; Councilman Drayton voted against.

Adjourn – Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk To Council

Henry Etheridge
Chairman