

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
FEB. 19, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN
FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DALE TERRY DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
GLORIA LUCAS, HR DIRECTOR
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR
WILBUR DALEY, CAPTAIN
STEVE SAGER, PROJECT MANAGER
HERMAN SMITH, BUILDING OFFICIAL
EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL

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 HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 6:30 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS EMLPOYMENT

MATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING PENDING EMPLOYMENT MATTERS, NO ACTION NECESSARY.

APPROVAL OF THE MINTUES:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEB. 4, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS:

MR. EDDIE STANLEY, A TEACHER FROM THOMAS HEYWARD ACADEMY, INTRODUCED HIS GOVERNMENT CLASS AND STATED THAT HE BROUGHT THE STUDENTS SO THAT THEY COULD SEE A COUNCIL MEETING AND GET AN UNDERSTANDING AS TO HOW GOVERNMENT WORKS.

RONNIE MALPHRUS INTRODUCED SUSAN WAITE, THE NEW JASPER COUNTY ASSESSOR. MS. WAITE SAID THAT SHE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING FOR JASPER COUNTY AND THAT HER OFFICE WAS GETTING READY TO START THE RE-ASSESSMENT OF THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD WELCOMED MS. WAITE.

1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS RED OAK PLAZA PHASE I AND PHASE II FOR THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERICAL ZONE:

MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE REQUEST WAS FOR THE RED OAK PLAZA PHASE I AND PHASE II. MS. LAMB SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAVE ALREADY APPROVED THE PLAN. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY NEEDS TO BE POSTED AND THEN IT WILL COME BACK TO COUNCIL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THIS WAS A NEW REQUEST OR AN OVERSIGHT DURING THE ZONING PROCESS. MS. LAMB SAID IT WAS AN OVERSIGHT WHEN THE ZONING MAP WAS DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THIS WAS DALE MALPHRUS'S PROPERTY. MS. LAMB RESPONDED THAT IT WAS MR. DALE MALPHRUS'S PROPERTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF ALL THE PROPERTY WAS MALPHRUS PROPERTY AND MS. LAMB SAID ONLY THE PROPERTY INDICATED ON THE MAP WAS MALPHRUS PROPERTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF

PEOPLE WERE LIVING IN THIS AREA THAT IS ZONED COMMERCIAL AND THAT THE BUILDING WAS ALREADY THERE. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE PROPERTY IS WHERE MALPHRUS CONSTRUCTION IS LOCATED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE STAFF WAS ASKING FOR THE FIRST READING OF THIS ORDINANCE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THERE WERE STILL SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE PROPERTY AND ASKED IF THE PROPERTY WAS COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND THEY WERE REQUESTING THAT IT BE GENERAL COMMERCIAL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE LAST SENTENCE SAID RESIDENTIAL, NOT COMMERCIAL. MS. LAMB SAID THAT NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN THE CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK (PROJECT SUDS)

2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE REGARDING THE SALE OF PROPERTY IN THE CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL PARK (PROJECT LINCOLN)

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE INFORMATION FOR THESE ITEMS WERE NOT PRESENTED TO COUNCIL IN THEIR PACKET AND HE WOULD ONLY ALLOW THE INFORMATION TO BE PRESENTED, BUT THE COUNCIL WOULD TAKE NO ACTION.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT PROJECT LINCOLN WAS VOID.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT PROJECT SUDS WAS STILL ACTIVE AND THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN UNTIL FRIDAY TO RETURN THE SIGNED CONTRACT.

OLD BUSINESS:

MARVIN JONES – UPDATE ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES

ATTORNEY JONES PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH AN ORDINANCE FOR THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE STRUCTURE. MR. JONES SAID HE REVIEWED HOW 5 OTHER COUNTIES SENT UP THEIR COMMITTEES. MR. JONES POINTED OUT TO THE COUNCIL THAT NOTES WERE INCLUDED ON THE SIDE. ATTORNEY JONES ASKED THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND LET HIM KNOW WHAT CHANGES THEY WANTED.

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT MOST COUNTIES HAVE A FINANCE COMMITTEE THAT ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS SERVE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE ORDINANCE STRUCTURED THE WAY THAT THE MEETINGS ARE TO BE NOTICED, THE NEED FOR AGENDAS AND MINUTES AND THAT THE MEETING AGENDA, DATE, TIME AND PLACE NEEDS TO BE POSTED. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT WHEN THINGS COME BEFORE COUNCIL THAT THE COUNCIL WANTS INVESTIGATED THE COUNCIL CAN REFER IT TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE HAS BEEN TRYING TO GET THIS ESTABLISHED SINCE SHE WAS THE CLERK TO COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE HAD THE CLERK TO

COUNCIL GATHER INFORMATION AND THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE WORKING ON THIS AT THEIR WORKSHOP AND THE COUNCIL WOULD GET BACK TO THE ATTORNEY WITH THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE WORKSHOPS WOULD BE SEPARATE FROM THE COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE CAN BE MADE TO FIT THE COUNCIL'S PERAMETERS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE OPERATING PROCEDURES OF COUNCIL COVERS MORE THAN JUST HOW THE COUNCIL COMMITTEES WORK AND SHE FELT THE COUNCIL COULD COMPARE HOW THE OTHER COUNTIES HAVE THEIR PROCEDURES AND THE COUNCIL COULD USE THEM AS A GUIDELINE THE CLERK WAS TO GET COPIES OF OTHER COUNCIL OPERATING PROCEDURES AND RULES.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – INTEREST ON SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND:

MR. MALPHRUS REPORTED THAT \$554,000.00 IN INTEREST WAS PAID ON THE SPECAIL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS FOR THE SCHOOLS. MR. MALPRHUS SAID THAT IF THE COUNTY HAD NOT RENEWED THEM AND HAD ISSUED THEM, THE INTEREST PAID WOULD HAVE BEEN \$756,345.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT THE INTEREST RATE THE COUNTY WAS PAYING WAS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES WERE AT 2.35% AND THE PERMANENT INTEREST RATE WOULD BE 4.78%.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE SAVANNAH RIVER MARITIME COMMISSION:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL FEB. 22, 2008 WHEN BOTH MR. SCHILLING AND MR. SAULS COULD BE PRESENT TO MAKE THEIR PRESENTATION. CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THAT IF ANYONE ELSE WANTED TO BE CONSIDERED THEY SHOULD CONTACT THE CLERK TO COUNCIL BY THURSDAY, FEB. 21, 2008 AT NOON.

MR. SCHILLING COMMENTED THAT SENATOR PINCKNEY CONTACTED HIM SEVERAL MONTHS AGO AND ASKED HIM TO SUBMIT A RESUME' FOR THIS POSITION. MR. SCHILLING SAID HE DID AS THE SENATOR REQUESTED, BUT THE SENATOR NEVER PASSED HIS RESUME' ON TO THE COUNCIL.

DATE FOR BOARDS AND COMMISSION WORKSHOP:

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE CLERK TO SCHEDULE THIS FOR THE COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON FEB. 25, 2008.

RONNIE MALPHRUS - COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT:

MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A REPORT ON THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THE DONATION FROM MR. MORGAN WAS PUT INTO THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY WERE REIMBURSEMENTS FROM MR. MORGAN AND THAT HIS DONATION WAS PUT IN THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT BECAUSE IT WAS TO BE USED

FOR THE FIRE STATION ON FIRE TOWER ROAD. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY HE WAS MIXING THE REVENUES. MR. MALPRHUS SAID THE FIRE STATION WAS APPROVED AND THE NEW FIRE STATION WAS APPROVED AND THE CURRENT BID WAS \$250,000 TO BUILD THE STATION AND THAT IS WHY THE MONEY WAS PUT INTO THE COMMERCIAL ACCOUNT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THE EXPENSES FOR THE PERRY HOUSE WERE PAID FROM THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND AND NOT FROM THE BUILDING REPAIR LINE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT SINCE BUILDING SERVICES WAS GOING TO BE LOCATED IN THE PERRY HOUSE, IT WAS DECIDED TO TAKE IT FROM THERE SINCE THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH MONEY IN THAT LINE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT COUNCIL WAS TOLD IT WAS GOING TO TAKE \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00 TO RENOVATE THE PERRY HOUSE AND OVER \$33,000 IS LISTED AND SHE ASKED IF COUNCIL EVER APPROVED THIS EXPENDITURE. MR. MALPRHUS SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT WAS PRESENTED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT ATM WAS PAID OVER \$71,000.00 ON THE SPEC BUILDING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THEY WERE TO ENGINEER THE ROAD AND SHE ASKED ABOUT THE MONEY THEY WERE PAID. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT ATM WAS PAID FOR ENGINEERING THE ROADS, ENGINEERING ON THE BUILDING AND WATER AND SEWER.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT WAS THE TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT ON THE SPEC BUILDING. MR. MALPRHUS SAID HE HAD NOT SET IT UP WITH A PROJECT NUMBER, BUT HE COULD GO BACK AND GET THE COUNCIL THAT NUMBER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT ATM ALSO WORKED ON SOME GENERAL PARK DEVELOPMENT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT TRIANGLE CONSTRUCTION WAS PAID \$56,000.00 FOR REGARDING THE SPEC BUILDING. MR. MALPRHUS SAID THAT AMOUNT WAS PART OF THE REGULAR CONTRACT.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHO SIGNED THE CONTRACTS WITH ALAN GLASSBURG AND WHY WAS THE COUNTY BILLED FOR LANDSCAPING THE ANNEX BUILDING WHEN THE BUILDING IS NOT EVEN BUILT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE DID NOT KNOW WHO SIGNED THE CONTRACT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. MALPHRUS TO BRING BACK THE ANSWERS TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE NEEDED TO HAVE A MEETING AND GO THROUGH THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE ALSO HAS CONCERNS ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACCOUNT AND HE SAID FOR THE STAFF TO PULL THE DOCUMENTS AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WILL MEET AND BRING THE FINDINGS BACK TO COUNCIL.

OFFICE SPACE FOR DJJ:

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WAS NOT READY TO DISCUSS ANY ACTION FOR THE UTILITIES FOR THE AREA FOR DJJ IN THE OLD HIGH SCHOOL AS IT WAS NOT ZONED SEPARATELY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SCHOOL

REQUESTED \$1,000.00 PER MONTH FOR THE UTILITIES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. TERRY WAS ALSO WORKING ON AN ESTIMATE FOR THE REMODELING AND MORE WORK NEEDED TO BE DONE BEFORE IT IS BROUGHT TO COUNCIL.

APPROVAL OF FARMERS' MARKET CONTRACT AWARD:

MR. SAGER SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL BID WAS \$825,000.00 WHICH WAS MUCH HIGHER THAN THE BUDGET. MR. SAGER SAID THAT THE STAFF WORKED ON THE CONTRACT AND GOT THE PRICE DOWN TO \$602,265.00 AND HE WAS ASKING THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THIS AMOUNT AND TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. MR. SAGER SAID THE COOLER WAS REMOVED AND THAT WAS OUTSIDE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED FOR A BREAKDOWN OF WHAT WAS CUT AND HOW MUCH EACH ITEM WAS COSTING AND WHAT EXACTLY DOES THE \$600,000.00 COVER. MR. SAGER SAID THAT SITE IMPROVEMENTS AND PAVING, RESURFACING THE SLAB, HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY, PARKING, ROOF, PAINTING, LIGHTING AND BATHROOMS; MR. SAGER SAID THE KITCHEN WAS DOWNGRADED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY A KITCHEN WAS NEEDED AT A FARMERS' MARKET. MR. SAGER SAID THAT SINCE A LOT OF MONEY WAS BEING PUT INTO THE PROJECT, OTHERS WANT TO BE ABLE TO USE IT FOR OTHER EVENTS AND THAT IT WOULD NOT JUST BE A FARMERS' MARKET, BUT A MULTI-USE FACILITY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNCIL ALSO NEEDED TO APPROVE AN ADDITIONAL \$187,500.00 IN FUNDING FROM THE A-TAX ACCOUNT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THE BUILDING WILL BE USED FOR MORE THAN A FARMERS' MARKET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT SENATOR PINCKNEY GOT A \$200,000.00 GRANT AND EVERYONE HAS WORKED VERY HARD TO BRING THIS TOGETHER. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT SENATOR PINCKNEY SAID HE WILL TRY AND GET THE FUNDING FOR THE WALK-IN COOLER. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE FARMERS' MARKET WAS GOING TO BE A GREAT THING AND ASKED FOR THE COUNCIL TO SUPPORT IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE FELT A BREAKDOWN OF THE COST WAS NEEDED BEFORE THE COUNCIL COULD APPROVE IT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. SAGER TO HAVE A BREAKDOWN FOR THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL/STAFF RETREAT ON FEB. 22, 2008. MR. SAGER SAID HE WOULD HAVE IT READY. MR. SAGER SAID THE LANDSCAPING WAS AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF STORM WATER MANAGEMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE CLERK TO ADD THIS ITEM TO THE AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL/STAFF WORKSHOP ON FRIDAY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT SETTING A TIME FRAME. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING ON FRIDAY. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID THAT THERE WILL BE A LOT OF THINGS FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS AT THE FARMERS' MARKET AND HE FELT THAT THE QUICKER THIS CAN BE DONE THE BETTER.

COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT. THE MOTION FAILED. COUNCILMAN TYLER AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN VOTED FOR; CHAIRMAN HOOD, COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES REPORTED ON THE SILVERHAired CONGRESS MEETING SHE ATTENDED IN WASHINGTON D.C. AND ALSO THE MID –YEAR CONFERENCE OF SCAC IN COLUMBIA. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNTY HOSTED A LOWCOUNTRY BOIL ON THE SENATE GROUNDS AND IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILMEN TYLER AND BLACKSHEAR, THE CLERK TO COUNCIL AND THE DEPUTY CLERK WORKED VERY HARD AND IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED FOR AN UPDATE FROM THE AUDITOR REGARDING HER NEW EMPLOYEE THAT WAS APPROVED IN THE BUDGET.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE WANTED TO THANK HIS COOKING COMMITTEE – COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND TYLER, JIMMY BAKER, LEWIE DAVIS, AND FREDDY AND CLIFFORD BRANTLEY.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED ALL THE HARD WORK THAT WENT INTO THE EVENT IN COLUMBIA AND HE HOPED THAT MORE CITIZENS WOULD ATTEND THE EVENT IN THE FUTURE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ANNOUNCED THE HEART WALK AND THE BLUES EVENT AT PALM KEY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT GOVERNMENT WEEK IS APRIL 6-12, 2008. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ANNOUNCED THAT JASPER COUNTY LOBBY DAY WAS FEB. 26, 2008 IN COLUMBIA.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM – DATE OF COUNCIL RETREAT AND AGENDA FOR RETREAT;

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE RETREAT FOR THE COUNCIL WOULD BE HELD ON FEB. 22, 2008 AT THE RANGER HOUSE AT SGT. JASPER PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MS. LUCAS HANDED OUT THE FLYER. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE WOULD RESPOND TO THE LETTER REGARDING ARGENT BLVD. AND THAT MR. MURPHY HAS REQUESTED THAT THE POLLING PLACES BE OPEN ON FEB. 23 FOR REORGANIZATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT MR. TERRY WOULD OPEN THE BUILDINGS. MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT 457 NACO PRESCRIPTION CARD HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT 1,192 PRESCRIPTIONS WERE APPLIED FOR AND THE CITIZENS HAVE SAVED \$15,722.99 AS A RESULT OF USING THE CARDS.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE ARE VACANCIES ON BOTH THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND ALSO THE ZONING APPEALS BOARD AND HOPEFULLY THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THE APPOINTMENTS SOON SINCE THEY WILL BE VERY BUSY OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. MR. FULGHUM

SAID HE RECEIVED TWO LETTERS ABOUT NAMING THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING FOR ZENIE INGRAM, MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LETTERS WERE FROM THE ROTARY CLUB AND THE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION BOARD. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT MS. PITTMAN RESIGNED FROM THE NEW LIFE CENTER BOARD. MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT HE RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM JASPER COUNTY NEIGHBORS UNITED REQUESTING THAT THE FEES BE WAIVED SINCE THE PROJECT IS A RENOVATION PROJECT ON A DUPLEX AND IT WAS LOWCOST HOUSING. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS WITH THE ATTORNEY AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING INVESTMENT ACT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT MUST FIRST BE DETERMINED WHAT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT MEETINGS FOR THE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS NEED TO BE ANNOUNCED IN THE PAPERS AND MINUTES MUST BE TAKEN. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE IF THEY WANT TO EXPAND THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO SEVEN MEMBERS. MR. FULGHUM ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO CHANGE THE NUMBER OF PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS OR CHANGE THE MEMBERSHIP FOR ALL COMMITTEES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT WOULD BE DISCUSSED AT THE COUNCIL'S WORKSHOP.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SHE HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY SOME CITIZENS REGARDING THE DEEDS FROM THE DELINQUENT TAX SALE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THEY WERE NOT BEING ISSUED AND WHAT THE DELAY WAS. ATTORNEY JONES SAID HE HAS NOT HAD A PARALEGAL TO DO THEM AND ONE HAS BEEN HIRED AND THE DEEDS SHOULD BE READY IN 8 TO 10 DAYS.

OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC:

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

LOUISE WALLACE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO INVESTIGATE THE BURING THAT IS BEING DONE ON THE WEEKENDS ON STROBHART ROAD. MS. WALLACE SAID THAT MR. KITTY CAME OUT AND SAID THAT THE INDIVIDUAL DID NOT HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. FULGHUM TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER. MS. WALLACE SAID NOTHING IS BEING DONE AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT IS GOING ON. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE BURNING WAS FROM THE INCINERATOR. MS. WALLACE SAID NO AND THAT THE BURNING IS BEING DONE AT THE PROPERTY NEXT TO THE INCINERATOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MATTER AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT DHEC ALSO NEEDS TO BE NOTIFIED. MS. WALLACE SAID THE PEOPLE WHO OWN THE INCINERATOR NOTIFIED DHEC ABOUT THE BURNING. MS. WALLACE SAID THAT MR. KITTY AND MR. COOK INVESTIGATED IT, BUT NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE AND THE MAN HAS DOGS INSIDE THE FENCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE

ATTORNEY TO LOOK INTO THIS AND ADVISE THE COUNCIL AS TO WHAT ACTION CAN BE TAKEN.

GLENN STORCK THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THE JOINT EFFORT WITH RIDGELAND. MR. STORCK SAID THAT THE DRY HYDRANT HAS BEEN INSTALLED IN HONEY HILL AND THE RESIDENTS WERE VERY GRATEFUL. BEING NO FUTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PERSENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN