

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AUGUST 18, 2008  
7:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:**

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR  
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEPUTY ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES  
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES  
JUDITH M. FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL  
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR EMERGENCY SERVICES  
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR  
HONEY JOHNSON – SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATOR

**OFFICIALS ABSENT:**

FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN

**STAFF ABSENT:**

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 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 7/29/08 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING, 7/29/2008 AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING AND 8/4/2008 COUNCIL MEETING:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 29, 2008 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING , THE JULY 29, 2008 AFFORDABLE HOUSING MEETING AND THE AUGUST 4, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING.. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE MINUTES WERE CORRECT, HOWEVER, SHE FELT THE COUNCIL MADE AN ILLEGAL MOTION REGARDING HIRING A CERTAIN INDIVIDUAL BY NAME AND THE COUNCIL SHOULD ONLY APPROVE A POSITION, THEY CANNOT MAKE A RECOMMENDATION OF A PERSON TO HIRE. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE MINUTES REFLECT WHAT TOOK PLACE AND THE COUNCIL CAN TAKE FURTHER ACTION. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT COUNCIL-WOMAN JONES WAS CORRECT AND THE COUNCIL CAN APPROVE A POSITION, NOT STATE, WHO IS TO BE HIRED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**HONEY JOHNSON LABOR DAY AND SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK PROCLAMATION:**

MS. JOHNSON PRESENTED THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 15-19, 2008 AS THE 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK AND ALSO RECOGNIZES THE EMPLOYEES AND EMPLOYER OF JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPT. 15-19, 2008 AS SOUTH CAROLINA INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK AND LABOR DAY. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:**

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 319 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-019 AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS CENTER POINT FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT:**

MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS HAD TWO READINGS AND THAT IT HAS NOT BEEN AMENDED. MS. LAMB SAID THIS IS A CHANGE OF ZONING REQUEST FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.AND THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED ON HIGHWAY 170. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN POSTED, THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AND THE PEOPLE WHO OWN PROPERTY ADJACENT TO THIS LAND HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY WILL BE MIXED USE OF COMMERICAL AND RESIDENTIAL. MS. LAMB SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. SAMUEL GREGORY ASKED WHAT FINANCIAL IMPACT WILL THIS HAVE ON THE COUNTY AND WILL THIS DEVELOPMENT HAVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING. MS. LAMB SAID THAT AN AREA HAS BEEN CUT OUT FOR A SCHOOL AND THAT IT COULD BE A PRIVATE SCHOOL. MS. LAMB SAID IT WILL PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCOME FROM TAXES AND FEES AND THEY HAVE DISCUSSED THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING ISSUE. SAMUEL GREGORY ASKED WHEN THE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETE. MIKE CAIN, ENGINEER FOR THE PROJECT, SAID THAT THE GOAL FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS 10% AND THE DEVELOPERS WILL HAVE TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL ANNUALLY TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF THE PROJECT.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 319 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-03-019 AND KNOWN GENERALLY AS CENTER POINT FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILWOMAN JONES, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING AGAINST.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION OF S.C. FOR CENTER POINT:**

ATTORNEY JONES EXPLAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE IS FOR A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE 319 ACRES THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE ZONING CHANGE FROM THE RURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT TO A PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THIS ORDINANCE WAS AMENDED TO INCLUDE THE CHANGES REQUESTED BY COUNCIL AND THOSE CHANGES ARE LISTED ON THE MEMORANDUM IN THE COUNCIL'S PACKET. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE HAS HAD TWO READINGS AND ONE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE TERMINOLOGY WAS CHANGED ABOUT THE GOAL OF THE PRICE OF THE HOMES TO BE APPROXIMATELY \$180,000.00. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT IS A GOAL AND NOT MANDATORY SO IT DOES NOT NEED TO BE CHANGED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE DEVELOPER WAS GOING TO DONATE LAND FOR A PARK IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO BUILD THE PARK AND MAINTAIN IT AND THIS WAS CHANGED AND THE COUNTY WILL BE GIVEN THE VALUE OF THE LAND IN CASH AND IT IS TO GO INTO THE PARK FUND.

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.  
COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILWOMAN JONES, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING AGAINST.  
COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE FIRST CAROLINA CORPORATION OF S.C. FOR CENTER POINT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILWOMAN JONES, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING AGAINST.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE: 081-00-04-049; 081-00-04-001; 081-00-04-006; AND 081-00-04-005:**

MS. LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND SAID THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN POSTED, THE PUBLIC HEARING HAS BEEN ADVERTISED AND THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF SHE HAD ANY RESPONSES AND MS. LAMB SAID SHE DID NOT.

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**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL, GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, CHAPTER ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES:**

ATTORNEY JONES EXPLAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS REQUIRED TO ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL, GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, CHAPTER ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE

OF ORDINANCES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING, FIRE, FUEL, GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, CHAPTER ONE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERSONNEL POLICY:**

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THIS AMENDMENT WAS NECESSARY TO CORRECT THE POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERSONNEL POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE LEASE PURCHASE OF MISCELLANEOUS EQUIPMENT, FIRE STATION, AND COMMUNICATION TOWER:**

THIS ITEM WAS NOT DISCUSSED AND IS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD:**

CHAIRMAN HOOD NOMINATED JOHN TILTON; COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR NOMINATED ODELL WILLIAMS AND MARJORIE SALTERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF THE PEOPLE COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR NOMINATED WOULD ALSO CONSIDER BEING ON THE LIBRARY BOARD AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE THOUGHT THEY WOULD. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THIS COULD BE DELAYED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID SINCE THREE INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED, THEY SHOULD VOTE ON THEM. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE CLERK TO PREPARE A BALLOT AND THE COUNCIL WOULD VOTE AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS.

**APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:**

THIS WOULD BE HANDLED AFTER THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANDY FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR WIRING THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING:**

**DALE TERRY - APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR ROOFING PROJECTS:**

MR. TERRY PRESENTED THE BIDS AND ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE LOW BID OF BRUNSON BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,500.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THIS BID WAS SO MUCH LOWER THAN THE OTHER BIDS. MR. TERRY SAID HE DID NOT KNOW. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE SPECS WERE ALL THE SAME AND MR. TERRY SAID THAT THEY WERE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COMPANY HAD ALL THE NECESSARY LICENSES. MR. TERRY SAID THEY DID. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE LOW BID FROM BRUNSON BUILDERS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,500.00. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION REGARDING REQUEST FOR SPACE ON THE NEW TOWER FOR AN AMATEUR RADIO REPEATER BY THE COASTAL AMATEUR RADIO ASSOCIATION:**

COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID MR. OLENDORF ATTENDED THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND MADE HIS REQUEST FOR A REPEATER FOR AMATEUR RADIOS. MR. OLENDORF SAID THERE WAS A GREAT NEED FOR THE REPEATER AS THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS ARE SOMETIMES THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN OPERATE DURING HURRICANES AND OTHER DISASTERS. MR. OLENDORF SAID THE CLOSEST REPEATER IS LOCATED ON THE SCETV TOWER. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO HAVE THE STAFF MOVE FORWARD AND INVESTIGATE THIS IDEA. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE EMS VEHICLES BEING DETAILED AND THE COUNTY HAVING TO PAY \$60.00 PER VEHICLE FOR IT TO BE DONE. WILBUR DALEY REPLIED THAT 3 CARS THAT ARE CONSTANTLY USED, HIS CAR, THE CHIEF'S CAR AND ONE THAT GOES TO CLASSES WERE DONE. MR. DALEY SAID HE IS TRYING TO IMPROVE THE IMAGE OF HIS DEPARTMENT AND THE CARS WERE CLEANED AND SCRATCHES WERE CLEANED UP. MR. DALEY SAID THIS WAS A ONE TIME DEAL. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE MONEY WAS COMING FROM TO PAY FOR THIS AND MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS COMING FROM THE MISCELLANEOUS LINE OF HIS BUDGET.

MR. DALEY SAID ONE OF THE NEW AMBULANCES HAS BEEN DELIVERED AND IT WAS IN THE PARKING LOT IF ANYONE WANTED TO SEE IT. MR. DALEY SAID THE SECOND AMBULANCE IS DUE NEXT WEEK AND THE THIRD ONE WILL BE DELIVERED IN JANUARY.

**ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:**

**ANDREW FULGHUM - UPDATE ON PROPOSED NEW AIRPORT:**

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A LETTER FROM PARKS PRESTON DATED JULY 31, 2008. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS IS THE FIRST THING IN WRITING IN OVER FOUR YEARS THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE

ATTENDED A MEETING IN ATLANTA AND DISCUSSED THE REGIONAL AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM RECAPPED THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE FAA. THE FAA WOULD REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF THE BAILEY SITE AND JASPER COUNTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING FOR THE EA. THE FAA WILL REVIEW THE FINDINGS. MR. FULGHUM SAID AN EA WOULD COST THE COUNTY ABOUT \$250,000.00. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE BAILEY MILLS SITE IS NOT THE ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, JASPER COUNTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DIFFERENCE IN THE COST OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION BETWEEN THE CYPRESS WOODS SITE AND THE BAILEY MILLS SITE. MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT JASPER COUNTY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBTAINING THE LAND FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND ANY RESTRICTIVE CONVENANTS WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE OWNER OF THE BAILEY MILLS SITE, MR. MILBANKS, HAS AGREED TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTIONS IF EVERYTHING WAS LINED UP; AT THAT TIME, THE FAA WILL PARTICIPATE IN FUNDING THE LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM CONTINUED THAT THE FAA EXPECTS JASPER COUNTY TO COMMIT IN WRITING TO CLOSING THE EXISTING AIRPORT ONCE THE NEW AIRPORT IS IN OPERATION AND ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THE EXISTING AIRPORT WILL BE USED FOR THE NEW AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT FAA FUNDING CANNOT BE USED TO PAY FOR DAMAGES OR RELOCATION COSTS OF DISPLACED BUSINESSES OR INDIVIDUALS AT THE EXISTING AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID FEDERAL FUNDING MAY BE A MEANS OF PAYING FOR THE AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WANTED THE COUNCIL TO BE AWARE OF THE SITUATION AND HE WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK THE PROCESS AS TO WHAT THE FULL COST WOULD BE, AND HOW MUCH WOULD BE NEEDED TO OPERATE THE NEW AIRPORT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THAT IF THE CYPRESS RIDGE PROPERTY IS A BETTER SITE, WHY IS IT OUT OF CONSIDERATION. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WAS A POLICY DECISION AND MR. MILBANKS WAS NOT INTERESTED IN AN AIRPORT ON THAT PROPERTY AND THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO CONDEMN THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN TYLER SAID WITH ALL THE GROWTH A NEW AIRPORT MAY BE NEEDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CURRENT AIRPORT IS A RECREATIONAL AIRPORT AND HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD INVITE THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES TO COME AND SPEAK TO COUNCIL AND EXPLAIN WHY THEY THINK ANOTHER AIRPORT IS NEEDED SINCE THEIR PLAN IS TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT IN THIS AREA. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SAVANNAH AIRPORT IS CLOSE AND HE WAS SURE ANOTHER AIRPORT WAS NEEDED.

**ANDREW FULGHUM – UPDATE ON JOINT PLANNING:**

MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT THE AGREEMENT WITH RIDGELAND WAS TO EXPIRE IN AUGUST AND HE REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL EXTEND IT UNTIL THE NEW PLANNER COMES ON BOARD AND THEY COULD MEET WITH RIDGELAND’S NEW MAYOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT

HE AND DR. HOOD WERE INVOLVED WITH THE NEW ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND THEY HAVE RECEIVED SOME GOOD HITS AND HE FELT NOW WAS THE TIME TO SET THE STANDARDS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LIKE THE COUNTY DID WITH THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPERS.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A WORKSHOP PRIOR TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE CENSUS.

**OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC ( 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL:**

BARBARA BARTOLDUS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE SAVANNAH PORT HAS APPLIED TO DREDGE THE SAVANNAH RIVER. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THIS COULD CAUSE MANY PROBLEMS FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT IT WILL AFFECT THE AQUIFER AND IT CAN BE ENVIRONMENTALLY DEVASTATING. MS. BARTOLDUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO READ THE ARTICLE FROM THE BEAUFORT GAZETTE THAT SHE HANDED OUT AND ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING ON SEPT.9, 2008. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THIS ISSUE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE WELLS.

SCOOTER DALEY SAID THAT CURRENTLY THERE ARE 65 PLANES AT THE AIRPORT AND \$1,700,000.00 HAS BEEN INVESTED IN HANGERS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT A NEW AIRPORT WAS NOT NEEDED, BUT A NEW RUNWAY WAS NEEDED. MR. DALEY SAID MR. FULGHUM SHOULD PERSUE THIS FROM THE TOP, NOT FROM THE BOTTOM WITH THE PEOPLE IN ATLANTA. MR. DALEY SAID A NEW RUNWAY WOULD SERVE THE NEEDS OF THE STATE AND THE FAA. MR. DALEY ASKED WHY THE AERONAUTIC'S COMMITTEE, THAT HAS BEEN APPOINTED BY THE COUNCIL, WAS NOT CONTACTED AND INVOLVED IN THE DISCUSSIONS. MR. DALEY SAID THE AERONAUTIC'S COMMISSION NEEDS TO BE INVOLVED NOT MR. FULGHUM GOING AROUND GETTING INFORMATION BY HIMSELF. MR. DALEY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THERE ARE CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON AND COLUMBIA AND THESE ARE THE ONES WHO NEED TO BE CONTACTED. MR. DALEY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONTACT THE PILOTS AND DISCUSS THE SITUATION WITH THEM.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**LEGAL MATTERS AND PERSONNEL MATTERS**

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND EMPLOYMENT MATTERS. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT NO ACTION WAS NECESSARY REGARDING THE LEGAL MATTER.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE, MR. FULGHUM, AND ATTORNEY JONES WOULD DISCUSS THE SURVEY THAT WENT OUT TO THE EMPLOYEES WITH THE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE RECEIVED A REPORT FROM MS. RILEY AND MS. FRAZIER REGARDING WHAT CAN BE DONE FOR THE BUILDING PROPOSAL OF THE ACADEMY FOR CAREER EXCELLENCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WOULD REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL ON THIS MATTER.

MR JOHN TILTON WAS APPOINTED THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD.

MS. ODELL WILLIAMS WAS APPOINTED TO THE LIBRARY BOARD.

**ADJOURN:**

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

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:35 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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DR. GEORGE M. HOOD  
CHAIRMAN