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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
MARCH 21, 2011, 7:00 P.M.  
MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN L. MARTIN SAULS IV.

**STAFF PRESENT:** ADMINISTRATOR-ANDREW FULGHUM, CLERK TO COUNCIL-JUDITH FRANK, COUNTY ATTORNEY – MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES-RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES-WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES-DALE TERRY, PLANNING DIRECTOR-DAVID JIROUSEK, PROJECT COORDINATOR – CHRISTY HERMAN, CLERK OF COURT- MARGARET BOSTICK

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 BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-** CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION** –GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA** – COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND TO ADOPT SECTION 3:6.2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF CERTAIN FEES FOR

AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 3/2/11, 3/7/11, 3/8/11, 3/9/11 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS** - VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 3/2/11. 3/7/11 AND TO ACCEPT FOR INFORMATION THE MINUTES 3/8/11 EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND 3/9/11 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS** - THERE WERE NO PROCLAMATIONS OR PRESENTATIONS.

### **ORDINANCES**

**DAVID JIROUSEK - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 080-00-03-002, 080-00-03-006, 080-00-03-007, AND 080-00-03-174 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SCHINGER AVENUE FROM THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP- THIS ORDINANCE WAS WITHDRAWN AT THE REQUEST OF THE PROPERTY OWNER.**

### **DAVID JIROUSEK - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO REVISE USE TABLE**

**6.1.** - MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT DURING RECENT DISCUSSIONS REGARDING THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) DISTRICT IT WAS NOTED THAT CERTAIN PERMITTED USES DO NOT MATCH THE INTENT OF THE DISTRICT WHILE OTHERS SHOULD BE ADDED TO BEST SERVE SMALLER CROSSROAD COMMUNITIES. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE INTENT OF THE CC DISTRICT IS TO PROVIDE COMMERCIAL NODES IN CONVENIENT AND STRATEGIC LOCATIONS OF THE COUNTY TO MEET "COMMUNITY NEEDS, AND TO ENCOURAGE CLUSTERING COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AS OPPOSED TO STRIP COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND COMMERCIAL SPRAWL. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AREAS ARE INTENDED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE, LOGICALLY PLACED AND CONVENIENT LOCATIONS FOR COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN RELATION TO RESIDENTIAL HOUSING AND TO MINIMIZE TRIP GENERATION FOR THOSE LIVING IN ZONED RURAL PRESERVATION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT TO ENSURE POTENTIAL FUTURE USES MATCH THE INTENT OF THE CC DISTRICT, CERTAIN USES ARE PROPOSED TO BE ADDED AND DELETED FROM THE USE CHART. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT AT THE SAME TIME, SOME USES ARE RECOMMENDED TO BE ALLOWED "CONDITIONALLY," WHICH REQUIRES FURTHER APPROVAL TO ENSURE CONDITIONS ARE MET. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT ANOTHER IMPORTANT ISSUE TO ADDRESS IS THE FACT THAT WASTE RELATED BUSINESSES ARE ALLOWED IN MOST ZONING DISTRICTS AND THIS AMENDMENT REVISES

THE USE TABLE TO LIMIT WASTE RELATED BUSINESSES TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONING DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT WASTE MANAGEMENT. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT RURAL PRESERVATION ALLOWS FOR WASTE COLLECTION AND IT WOULD PROHIBIT ANY EXPANSION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT STROBHART ROAD. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WASTE PRO IS A LEGAL NON-CONFORMING USE EXCEPT FOR THE INCINERATOR. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT MAJOR TRANSPORTATION STORAGE REFERRED TO AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID IT DEALT WITH TRANSPORT WAREHOUSING, BUSES, TRAINS AND STORAGE OF SIGHT SEEING VEHICLES. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT IT PERTAINED TO LARGE DISTRIBUTION CENTERS AND THE TRANSPORTATION RELATED INDUSTRIES. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF DIRT HAULING TRUCKS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY ARE CURRENTLY LOCATED THERE THEY COULD CONTINUE AS A NON-CONFORMING USE, BUT THEY COULD NOT EXPAND. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONING IS FOR SERVICES AND GOODS. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THEY WERE PUTTING SO MANY RESTRICTIONS AND RULES THAT IT IS NOT MAKING JASPER COUNTY PRO-BUSINESS. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID MORE JOBS NEED TO BE GENERATED AND THE COUNTY NEEDED TO ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN AREAS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE THAT MAKE THE ZONING USES DIFFERENT IN GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE ARE OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNTY WHERE DEVELOPMENT IS ENCOURAGED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID DURING THE TIME THEY ARE WORKING ON THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE COUNTY WILL BE LOOKED AT COMPLETELY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE COUNTY CAN TELL A PROPERTY OWNER WHAT THEY CAN DO ON THEIR PROPERTY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT SEWAGE TREATMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT DOES NOT ALLOW WATER TREATMENT, BUT IN CERTAIN AREAS WHERE THERE IS WATER AND SEWER IT COULD BE ALLOWED ON A SMALLER SCALE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT DAYCARE FACILITIES. MR. JIROUSEK ANSWERED THAT PREVIOUSLY IT WAS NOT ALLOWED, HOWEVER, THE CHANGES ALLOWED IT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT WASTE COLLECTION AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WASTE COLLECTION WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED IN THE INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID IT MAY BE HELPFUL TO THE COUNCIL IF EACH CATEGORY IS DISCUSSED IN A WORKSHOP AND MR. JIROUSEK CAN EXPLAIN WHAT IS ALLOWED IN EACH CATEGORY AND WHY IT IS NOT ALLOWED IN OTHERS. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT RESIDENTIAL AND COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL GOES HAND IN HAND AND THE ALLOWED USES WILL NOT AFFECT THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT CHICKEN PENS AND MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THE ZONING ORDINANCE IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AND THERE IS STILL A LOT OF WORK TO DO. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE STAFF AND PLANNING

COMMISSION ARE WORKING ON IT ONE STEP AT A TIME. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO REVISE USE TABLE 6.1. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON VOTING FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN SAULS VOTED AGAINST.

**DAVID JIROUSEK - 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND TO ADOPT SECTION 3:6.2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF CERTAIN FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING** – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE WAS REVISED AS REQUESTED BY THE COUNCIL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DRAFTED AND IT WILL GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES PERMIT FEES TO DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS OF QUALIFYING AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS IN ADDITION TO INCOME-QUALIFYING FAMILIES. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT THE ORIGINAL INTENT OF THE ORDINANCE WAS TO AUTHORIZE REFUNDS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AFTER WEIGHING THE COST OF PLANNING AND BUILDING REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS VERSUS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS SINCE BEEN REVISED TO APPLY TO INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS IN CASES WHERE LANDOWNER FAMILY INCOME IS LESS THAN 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME ADJUSTED BY FAMILY SIZE. WITHIN THE ORDINANCE IS A DEFINITION FOR "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" MODELED AFTER THE STATE DEFINITION. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN REVISED TO APPLY TO STICK-BUILT AND MODULAR HOUSING ONLY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT A COMMON AFFORDABLE HOUSING GOAL IS TO PROMOTE OWNER-OCCUPANCY IN DWELLING UNITS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO APPRECIATE; MOBILE HOMES ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DEFINITION. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THE ORDINANCE ALSO ENSURES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET PRIOR TO A PROJECT BECOMING ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM COUNTY COUNCIL, SUCH AS: FACTUALLY PROVING THE DWELLING UNIT(S) WERE SOLD AS "AFFORDABLE HOUSING" WITH ANNUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING NOT EXCEEDING 28% OF ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD EARNING NO MORE THAN 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME; OR THE FAMILY INCOME OF THE LANDOWNER IS LESS THAN 80% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME BY FAMILY SIZE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE FEES WILL NOT BE WAIVED; THEY WOULD BE REIMBURSED IF APPROVED BY COUNCIL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE COUNCIL HAS THE SOLE DISCRETION TO GRANT APPROVAL BUT THE COUNCIL IS NOT OBLIGATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE TO GRANT THAT APPROVAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE FEE IS DETERMINED BY THE SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THE HOME AND THE COUNCIL WILL MAKE THEIR DECISION ON

A CASE BY CASE BASIS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED HOW COULD THEY APPROVE ONE AND DENY ANOTHER? MR. JIROUSEK SAID IF THE COUNTY CAN'T AFFORD TO DO IT, THEN THE COUNCIL WOULD NOT APPROVE IT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REIMBURSEMENT OF INDIVIDUALS MAY BECOME AN ISSUE AND CONTENTIOUS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD MAKE THE DECISION. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE 1<sup>ST</sup> READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND TO ADOPT SECTION 3:6.2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF CERTAIN FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS ORDINANCE ONLY APPLIED TO STICK BUILT HOMES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID IT APPLIED TO STICK BUILT, MODULAR AND PREFABRICATED HOMES, NOT MOBILE HOMES.

**RESOLUTIONS** – THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE LIBRARY BOARD** – MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THERE WAS A VACANCY ON THE LIBRARY BOARD. MOTIONED AND SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT CASSIE CHISHOLM TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – SELECTION OF AIRPORT CONSULTANT** – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT HE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE COUNCIL AT THEIR RETREAT AND THAT THE STAFF REVIEW BOARD NARROWED IT DOWN TO TWO FINALISTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE REVIEW BOARD INTERVIEWED THE TWO FINALIST AND THEY WERE RECOMMENDING THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES AS THE AIRPORT CONSULTANT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE FIRM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IT IS A NATIONAL FIRM AND THE COUNTY WOULD BE USING THE COMPANY'S COLUMBIA OFFICE. MR. FULGHUM CONTINUED THAT THE COUNTY HAS WORKED WITH WILBER SMITH ASSOCIATES AND THE COUNTY HAS BEEN VERY PLEASED WITH THEIR WORK. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE WILBUR SMITH ASSOCIATES AS THE COUNTY'S AIRPORT CONSULTANT. COUNCILMAN SAULS INFORMED THE PUBLIC THAT THE RIDGELAND AIRPORT IS THE 12<sup>TH</sup> BUSIEST AIRPORT IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

**CHRISTY HERMAN – CONSIDERATION OF FENCE CONTRACT** – MS. HERMAN PRESENTED BIDS FROM 3 COMPANIES TO INSTALL A FENCE ALONG THE COUNTY PARKING LOT PROPERTY LINE THAT IS ADJACENT TO MR. CLAUDE DEAN'S PROPERTY. MS. HERMAN SAID THAT MR. DEAN REQUESTED THE FENCE BE INSTALLED. MS. HERMAN SAID THE LOW BID

WAS FOR \$4,999.60 FROM GRACE CONSTRUCTION. MS. HERMAN SAID THE FENCE WAS NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN FOR THE CAMPUS, BUT THERE WERE FUNDS AVAILABLE TO COVER THE FENCE IN THE CAMPUS FUND. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHY THE CURRENT FENCE WAS BEING REPLACED. MS. HERMAN SAID THAT MR. DEAN REQUESTED IT, BUT IF REPLACED IT WOULD MATCH THE FENCE BEHIND THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT BUILDING. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHY SPEND \$5,000 WHEN YOU CAN JUST MATCH THE FENCE THAT IS THERE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE FENCE NEEDED TO BE REPAIRED AND MR. DEAN'S CONCERN WAS TO HIDE THE PARKING LOT AND MUFFLE THE SOUND. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT SOUNDS COME FROM A PARKING LOT. COUNCILMAN GREGORY AGREED WITH COUNCILMAN SAULS TO ADD FENCE LIKE THE FENCE ALREADY IN PLACE. MS. HERMAN SAID THE CURRENT FENCE IS ON MR. DEAN'S PROPERTY AND THE NEW FENCE WOULD BE INSTALLED ON COUNTY PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FROM GRACE CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,999.60 TO REMOVE THE OLD FENCES AND SHRUBS AND TO INSTALL A NEW FENCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

#### **CHRISTY HERMAN – CONSIDERATION OF PARKING LOT LIGHTS**

**CONTRACT-** MS. HERMAN PRESENTED BIDS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS AT THE THREE NEW PARKING LOTS. MS. HERMAN SAID THE BIDS INCLUDED EVERYTHING NEEDED TO HAVE THE LIGHTS INSTALLED AND OPERATING. MS. HERMAN SAID THE COUNTY ALREADY HAS THE LIGHTS AND POLES TO MATCH THE OTHERS. MS. HERMAN SAID THE LOW BID OF \$9,700 WAS FROM JACK SAGER. MS. HERMAN ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE \$10,600 THE CONTRACT AND A CONTINGENCY AMOUNT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF MR.SAGER WAS LOCAL AND MS. HERMAN SAID HE WAS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF MR. SAGER HAD ALL THE PROPER INSURANCE TO WORK ON COUNTY PROPERTY AND MS. HERMAN SAID THAT HE DID. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMOUNT OF \$10,600 FOR THE \$9,700 CONTRACT AND \$800 AS A CONTINGENCY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS –** VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE MADE A PROPOSAL TO COUNCIL REGARDING THE RIDGELAND HS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM WINNING THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT AT THE LAST MEETING IT WAS TURNED OVER TO THE COMMITTEE FOR A RECOMMENDATION.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IN THE MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE, IT REFERENCES THAT MS. HERMAN WAS TO TURN ALL THE KEYS OVER TO MS. BOSTICK. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MS. HERMAN IF ALL THE KEYS HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO MS. BOSTICK. MS. HERMAN SAID SHE GAVE THE KEYS TO THE SECURITY STAFF. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MS. HERMAN IF SHE GAVE A MASTER KEY TO THE SECURITY STAFF AND MS. HERMAN RESPONDED THAT SHE HAS DONE

IT THAT WAY IN THE PAST. CLERK OF COURT, MARGARET BOSTICK SAID SHE WAS NOT AWARE THAT THE STAFF HAD THE KEYS.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE WAS TO MEET ON THE 2<sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AND THEY WERE GOING TO WORK ON THE PERSONNEL POLICY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED THE COUNCIL TO PROVIDE HIM WITH THE ITEMS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE CHANGED IN THE PERSONNEL POLICY.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ADDRESSED THE REQUEST OF VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY TO PURCHASE BAGS AND TO HAVE A BANQUET FOR THE RIDGELAND HS GIRLS BASKETBALL TEAM THAT WON THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL PRESENT THE GIRLS WITH A PLAQUE AT A 4:00 p.m. COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AND TO BRING THE GIRLS TO JASPER COUNTY STATE HOUSE DAY IN COLUMBIA AND HAVE THEM RECOGNIZED ON THE STATE HOUSE FLOOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY COULD HAVE ATTENDED THE MEETING, BUT HE COULD NOT HAVE ANY INPUT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE TO PRESENT THE GIRLS WITH A PLAQUE AT A 4:00 p.m. COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AND TO BRING THE GIRLS TO JASPER COUNTY STATE HOUSE DAY IN COLUMBIA AND HAVE THEM RECOGNIZED ON THE STATE HOUSE FLOOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED HOW SOMEONE COULD VOTE ON THEIR OWN RECOMMENDATION. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID A COMMITTEE MEMBER CAN VOTE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN SAULS DID NOT VOTE.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT** – MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED FUNDS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE KNOWLES ISLAND TRESTLE PAVING PROJECT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHEN THE PROJECT WOULD START AND MR. TERRY SAID HE HAS NOT SCHEDULED IT YET.

JOHNNY DAVIS UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE PROJECT TO CONNECT THE HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL TO THE SGT. JASPER PARK. MR. DAVIS SAID THAT IN OCTOBER, 2009 THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CONCEPTUAL DRAWING AND HE WAS APPLYING FOR A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000. MR. DAVIS SAID A 20% MATCH WAS REQUIRED, BUT HE WILL USE IN KIND SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT TO COVER THAT. MR. DAVIS SAID HE IS ALSO GOING TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER GRANT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THE COST FOR THE ENTIRE PROJECT. MR. DAVIS SAID THE ENTIRE PROJECT WOULD COST ABOUT \$400,000, BUT THIS WAS PHASE ONE. MR. DAVIS SAID THE CURRENT GRANT APPLICATION IS TO COVER THE TRAILS AND THE BOARDWALK FROM THE SCHOOL. COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID HE HOPED MR. DAVIS COULD GET THE GRANT AND HE TOLD MR. DAVIS HE

WAS DOING A GREAT JOB. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT MR. DAVIS'S PROPOSAL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

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

- CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. LOUISE RAWLINGS THANKED MR. JIROUSEK FOR THE WORK HE IS DOING. MS. RAWLINGS SAID SHE HAS FAMILY MEMBERS WHO LIVE ON STOBHART ROAD AND SHE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES COMING INTO THE COUNTY. MS. RAWLINGS SAID SHE IS NOT AGAINST BUSINESSES MOVING INTO THE COUNTY BECAUSE THE PEOPLE NEED JOBS. MS. RAWLINGS SAID THAT IT IS NOT A GOOD ENVIRONMENT TO LIVE NEAR A LANDFILL AND SHE DID NOT WANT TO SEE BUSINESSES COMING INTO THE COUNTY THAT WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE CITIZEN'S HEALTH. MS. RAWLING THANKED MR. JIROUSEK FOR THE WORK HE IS DOING ON THE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE.

MARGARET BOSTICK REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT 2012 IS YEAR OF THE JASPER COUNTY CENTENNTIAL AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO HELP GET THE PLANNING STARTED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ALSO TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY-JASPER COUNTY OCEAN TERMINAL AND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE.** COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION, OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY A PUBLIC BODY -JASPER COUNTY OCEAN TERMINAL AND AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION** - COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR REPORTED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION REGARDING THE JASPER OCEAN TERMINAL AND NO ACTION WAS NEEDED.

COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION REGARDING PROJECT ROSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF ANY ACTION WAS NEEDED REGARDING PROJECT WINTER AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID NO ACTION WAS NEEDED.

**ADJOURN** - COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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LEROY BLACKSHEAR  
CHAIRMAN