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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
WEDNESDAY, 5 P.M., JULY 24, 2013  
MINUTES**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Chairman Henry Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Attorney Marvin Jones

**STAFF ABSENT:** Judith Frank, 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.

**CALLS TO ORDER** – Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION-** Vice Chairwoman Clark motioned and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim. - Jasper County School Board Lawsuit; the Settings Litigation; Lease Agreement of 224 Second Avenue, Ridgeland, South Carolina. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION-** Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Councilman Johnson motioned and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to allow the County Attorney to spend up to \$10,000 on legal fees for the School District Lawsuit if he gets to the point where his time is too limited. The motion carried with Chairman Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Clark, Councilman Sauls and Councilman Johnson voting for; Councilman Drayton abstained.

Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator and County Attorney to execute such receipts, releases, stipulations of dismissal and other documents as may be desirable to release bond safeguard insurance company in connection with any bond issued by them for which the face amount of the bond is tendered to Jasper County. The motion carried with with Chairman Etheridge, Vice Chairwoman Clark, Councilman Sauls and Councilman Drayton voting for; Councilman Johnson abstained.

**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 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk To Council

Approved by:

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Henry Etheridge  
Chairman