



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BLDG.
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

5:30 p.m.

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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- Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session – Council Conference Room

Councilman Etheridge moved 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 business in the area served by a public body – Project Gatherers and for 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 – 1295 Grays Highway, Ridgeland/Claude Dean Airport and for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body– Board Appointments. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session-Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Pledge of Allegiance- Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation – Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda – Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Approval of the minutes for the 9/08/2015 - Councilman Johnson moved Councilman Drayton and seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 09/08/2015. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Presentation and Proclamations

Andrew Fulghum – Proclamation for “A Day Without Water” Campaign, Mr. Fulghum explained that the proclamation was to make people aware of how important water is to everyone. Mr. Fulghum read the proclamation. Chairwoman Clark presented Mr. Saxon the proclamation.

Ordinances

David Tedder – 2ND Reading of the Ordinance to Convey Property to Okatie Club for Communications Tower – Mr. Tedder explained that the property swap is to clean up the previous land swap ordinance did not convey the deed to the property. Councilman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 2ND Reading of the Ordinance to Convey Property to Okatie Club for Communications Tower. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder – 2ND Reading of the Ordinance to Lease Property at Sgt. Jasper Park to Roland Allen Bob dba Kayninja – Mr. Tedder explained that the lease was a similar arrangement as the County previously had with Swamp Girls. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 2ND Reading of the Ordinance to Lease Property at Sgt. Jasper Park to Roland Allen Bob dba Kayninja. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder – 2ND Reading of an Ordinance to authorize Jasper County to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce and the Jasper County Historical Society for the use of the Perry House located at 403 Russell Street in Ridgeland, South Carolina as their offices and a museum – Mr. Tedder explained that the ordinance was to reinstate the lease for five years and the only change since the 1st reading was that a 6 month notice is needed to terminate the lease instead of 90 days. Mr. Tedder said maintenance of the building is the responsibility of the tenant. Vice Chairman Sauls recused himself because of his association with the JC Chamber of Commerce. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to authorize Jasper County to enter into a Lease Agreement with the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce and the Jasper County Historical Society for the use of the Perry House located at 403 Russell Street in Ridgeland, South Carolina as their offices and a museum. The motion carried with Chairwoman Clark, and Councilmen Drayton, Etheridge and Johnson voting for. Vice Chairman Sauls did not vote.

Andrew Fulghum – 1st Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of New Hardeeville Library Site Property to the City of Hardeeville (by title only) – Mr. Fulghum explained that the property was the site of the old senior center and the County was deeding it to the City of Hardeeville for the new library. Councilman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 1st Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of New Hardeeville Library Site Property to the City of Hardeeville (by title only). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Resolutions

Andrew Fulghum – Public Hearing and Support Resolution for JEDA Bond Issuance – Public Hearing held by SC JEDA prior to issuance of Tax Exempt Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Royal Live Oak Academy Project) (JEDA will be issuing the bonds and Royal Live Oak will be the borrower. The County not issuing bonds for Royal Live Oaks Academy) - Mr. Fulghum said that the bonds will be issued to RLOA and the County is not responsible for them. Alan Linkous said that the public hearing and a resolution by the County or Municipality of support are requirements of the Federal Tax Law and the bonds would only be issued if there is a commitment for long term financing. Chairwoman Clark opened the floor to the public. Dr. McBair said as a business owner he has been sensing change in Jasper County and it is necessary to provide a good education, have an effective government and longevity and growth for the businesses in Jasper County. Dr. McBair the Charter School in Hardeeville conducted a study and the students of Jasper County are three years behind their grade level and they also qualify for free lunches. Dr. McBair said there is a lot of potential and everyone needed to join together to make things work for the children. Being no further comments Chairwoman Clark closed the floor to the public. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and Support Resolution for JEDA Bond Issuance – Public Hearing held by SC JEDA prior to issuance of Tax Exempt Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Royal Live Oak Academy Project) (JEDA will be issuing the bonds and Royal Live Oak will be the borrower). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Old Business

Chairwoman Clark – Appointment of members to the Planning Commission and the BZA- Chairwoman Clark explained that there was an opening Planning Commission and on the BZA. Vice chairman Sauls nominated Mr. Louis Grant to the Planning Commission. Mr. Grant was approved with all members present voting in favor.

Vice Chairman Sauls nominated Ms. Carmen Pinckney to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA). Ms. Carmen Malphrus was approved with all members present voting in favor.

New Business

Wilbur Daley – E-911 Funding Request- Mr. Daley requested \$671.44 from the E-911 fund for headsets. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve \$671.44 from the E-911 fund for the purchase of headsets. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Dale Terry – Presentation of bids for new roof for the DSS Building – Mr. Malphrus said the project went out to bid in September and they received two bids, however, only one bid that met all the criteria. Mr. Malphrus requested that the Council approve the bid from D.P. Lowther construction in the amount of \$30,450. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the bid from D.P. Lowther construction in the amount of \$30,450 for the new roof for the DSS Building. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Committee Reports – Councilman Etheridge reported that he and Mr. Richardson were working on the beautification project at Point South. Councilman Etheridge said he attended the LCOG meeting and they discussed the workforce in Jasper County. Councilman Etheridge commented that the Promise Zone meeting was cancelled due to the weather, but he did attend the ground breaking for the new Hardeeville Library. **Vice Chairman Sauls** reported that he attended the South Carolina Alliance Meeting and he attended a meeting at Coastal Carolina Hospital honoring Dr. Conde. Vice Chairman Sauls said that the ICU unit was named after Dr. Conde. Vice Chairman Sauls said that Exit 3 is moving alone and the meeting was rescheduled due to the weather. Vice Chairman Sauls said he would be attending the ribbon cutting at the new Porsche Dealership. **Councilman Drayton** said he had the same report that Councilman Etheridge. **Councilman Johnson** reported that he gave a presentation regarding the Port on the Hilton Head television station. **Chairwoman Clark** reported that she met with the new Chancellor at USCB. Chairwoman Clark said that the funding for Hwy. 17 widening has not been pulled and the project was moving forward.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Fulghum said that he would work with the clerk to set up some workshops and the thanked Chairwoman Clark and Councilman Etheridge for all the work they have done for Hwy. 17. Mr. Fulghum requested permission to have a training session and a controlled burn and then demolish the home. Mr. Fulghum said the home was part of the property the County acquired in the land acquisition for the airport. It was the consensus of the Council to move forward with the training as explained by Mr. Fulghum. Mr. Daley requested permission to send resources and a strike team to Columbia to help with the flooding. Mr. Daley said the County may be reimbursed. The Council granted Mr. Daley’s request.

Open Floor to the Public- Per ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes- Chairwoman Clark opened the floor to the public. **Bill Fishbourne-** discussed the 30-40 dogs located at 1295 Grays Highway. Mr. Fishbourne said the owners of the property applied for a zoning change and he hoped that the Council not approve it. Being no further comments, Chairwoman Clark closed the floor to the public.

Adjourn – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Approved by:

Barbara B. Clark