



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
OCTOBER 17, 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, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, PLANNING DIRECTOR DAVID JIROUSEK
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.

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

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

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 10/03/2011- VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 10/03/2011 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

CARL HOUSEY – REGARDING ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF JASPER COUNTY TO BE TITLED “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” TO PROHIBIT THE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS THAT ALLOW FOR THE ON PREMISE CONSUMPTION OF BEER, ALE, PORTER AND/OR WINE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 O’CLOCK A.M. AND 6:00 O’CLOCK A.M.; AND TO DEFINE BEER, ALE, PORTER AND WINE – MR. HOUSEY ASKED THE COUNCIL FOR A CHANCE TO SPEAK REGARDING HIS BUSINESS AND HOW

THE ORDINANCE IS AFFECTING HIS BUSINESS AND THE OTHER BUSINESSES IN THAT AREA. MR. HOUSEY GAVE THE COUNCIL A PREPARED STATEMENT AND HE ASKED IF THEY COULD COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BAR OWNERS SO THAT THEY CAN KEEP THEIR ESTABLISHMENTS OPEN UNTIL 6:00 A.M. AND KEEP THE MONEY IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. HOUSEY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO LIFT THE ORDINANCE COMPLETELY OR AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. MR. HOUSEY SAID HE HAS A SMALL SPORTS BAR AND HE HIRES OFF DUTY COUNTY DEPUTIES FOR SECURITY AND HE RUNS A VERY SAFE BUSINESS. MR. HOUSEY SAID THAT SHERIFF JENKINS HAS VISITED HIS CLUB AND SAID IT WAS A CLEAN, NICE PLACE. MR. HOUSEY SAID PEOPLE DEPEND ON HIM AND THE ECONOMY IS BAD RIGHT NOW AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO SIT DOWN WITH THE CLUB OWNERS TO SEE IF SOMETHING COULD BE WORKED OUT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL COULD NOT EXEMPT HIS CLUB AND NOT THE OTHERS. MR. HOUSEY SAID HE WAS ASKING TO LET THEM STAY OPEN UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE OF THE OWNERS DOESN'T FOLLOW THE RULES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. HOUSEY TO CLARIFY WHY SHERIFF JENKINS WAS AT HIS CLUB. MR. HOUSEY SAID THE SHERIFF SAID HE COULD NOT WRITE A LETTER OF SUPPORT, BUT HE CAME AND INSPECTED HIS CLUB 3 TIMES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT HE DOES ABOUT THOSE UNDERAGE AND FOR EDUCATION. MR. HOUSEY SAID HE MAKES DONATIONS TO MR. BONEPARTE, HE GIVES MONEY FOR THE CHEERLEADERS AND HARDEEVILLE LITTLE LEAGUE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD NEED TO HEAR FROM ALL THE CLUB OWNERS BEFORE HE COULD MAKE A FAIR DECISION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION NOT TO LIFT THE ORDINANCE FOR ANYONE AT THIS TIME AND THEY ARE TO ABIDE BY THE LAW. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WOULD BE WILLING TO SIT DOWN AND DISCUSS THIS WITH THE CLUB OWNERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS IT. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF MR. HOUSEY HAD THREE FULLTIME DEPUTY SHERIFFS AT ALL HOURS THAT THEY WERE OPEN AND WERE THEY ON HIS PAYROLL. MR. HOUSEY SAID HE PROVIDES A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND PAYS THE POLICE OFFICERS. MR. HOUSEY SAID THEY ALSO HAVE METAL DETECTORS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THE DOCUMENTS PROVIDED BY OTHERS SAID THAT THEY LOST 30-40% OF THEIR BUSINESS AND THESE WERE OTHER BUSINESSES, NOT THE BARS. MR. HOUSEY SAID THEY SENT LETTERS BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT BE PRESENT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT HE WAS NOT FAMILIAR WITH ADULT ENTERTAINMENT AND ASKED HOW THEY MADE MONEY IF THEY DID NOT SELL DRINKS. MR. HOUSEY SAID HIS ESTABLISHMENT DOES NOT HAVE ADULT ENTERTAINMENT IT IS A SMALL SPORTS BAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY SHOULD COME TO THE MEETING AND BRING TAX RETURNS TO SHOW THAT THEY ARE LOSING MONEY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEN DRAYTON, ETHERIDGE AND SAULS VOTING FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR DID NOT VOTE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS

SECONDED THE MOTION TO MEET WITH THE CLUB OWNERS IN A WORKSHOP MEETING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY NEEDED TO BRING PROPER DOCUMENTATION TO THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO MEET ON OCTOBER 24, 2011 AT 4:00 P.M.

ORDINANCES

DAVID JIROUSEK – 2ND READING TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 039-00-06-228 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON LIMEHOUSE ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER WAS MAKING THE REQUEST TO OPEN A BEAUTY SUPPLY STORE AND ALL BUT FOUR PROPERTIES IN THAT AREA ARE ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF MR. JIROUSEK HEARD FROM ANY OF THE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY OWNERS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE DID NOT, BUT THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT MEETING. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 039-00-06-228 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON LIMEHOUSE ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-18 AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-32 – COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO POSTPONE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-18 AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-32. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH THE BEAUFORT COUNTY - DANIEL DEFENSE - MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF THE JOINT INDUSTRIAL PARK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE MULTI-COUNTY INDUSTRIAL PARK ALLOWS FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR THE BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THEM. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS THE RESOLUTION NEEDED FROM THEM SCHEDULED FOR THEIR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PROPERTIES DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN THE SAME AREA. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY

- DANIEL DEFENSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

DAVID JIROUSEK – AMENDMENT OF THE WATER AND SEWER CONTRACT AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK- TERRY LEE –DAVID JIROUSEK – AMENDMENT TO THE WATER AND SEWER CONTRACT – THOMAS AND HUTTON – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THESE CONTRACT AMENDMENTS WERE NECESSARY DUE TO 8 INCH PIPE BEING INSTALLED INSTEAD OF 12 INCH PIPE AND IT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED WITH 12 INCH PIPE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED HOW THIS HAPPENED AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE PLANS WERE INCORRECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS IS A COUNTY OWNED PARK, BUT IT IS THE TOWN'S SYSTEM. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT SINCE THE TOWN WILL BENEFIT WITH TAP IN FEES AND USAGE WHY THEY ARE NOT PAYING FOR PART OF IT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORIGINAL ENGINEER DID NOT ANTICIPATE FULL BUILD OUT OF THE PARK. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS OF THE WATER AND SEWER CONTRACT AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT WITH TERRY LEE NOT TO EXCEED \$200,000 AND THAT IT BE PAID FROM THE PALMETTO ELECTRIC RDA FUNDS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT \$200,000 WAS A LOT OF MONEY HE ASKED WHY IT IS NOT BEING BID OUT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT TERRY LEE CONSTRUCTION WOULD ALREADY BE MOBILIZED ON THE SITE AND COORDINATING IS GOING TO BE CRITICAL AND HE DID NOT THINK THEY WOULD GET A CHEAPER BID. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT IT SHOULD BE BID OUT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT WITH THOMAS AND HUTTON FOR A WATER MODEL NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500 AND A DESIGN CONTRACT WITH THOMAS AND HUTTON NOT TO EXCEED \$12,000 AND THAT IT BE PAID FROM THE PALMETTO ELECTRIC RDA FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THAT THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE ATTENDED THE FOUNDATION EVENT AND IT WAS A VERY NICE EVENT AND THAT THE FOUNDATION HELPS A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS IN THE AREA.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE DISCUSSED THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AND SAID THAT THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN VERY SLOW WITH ONLY 9 SINGLE FAMILY DWELLINGS, 1 COMMERCIAL UNIT BEING BUILT AND 22 IMPROVEMENTS. COUNCILMAN

ETHERIDGE SAID 70 MOBILE HOME PERMITS WERE ISSUED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNCIL BUDGETED \$390,000 IN REVENUE FOR BUSINESS LICENSES, BUT ONLY \$290,000 WAS COLLECTED AND ABOUT 600 BUSINESSES HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR BUSINESS LICENSES.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING A WOMAN DISCUSSED JASPER COUNTY BEING A POOR COUNTY AND HOW THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WERE PAID. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE HAS HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS CONSTITUENTS, THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE SALARIES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID A LOT OF PEOPLE COME AND SAY THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET, BUT THEY ARE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT ONE JOB AND HE ASKED WHY THEY DIDN'T LOOK AT ALL THE SALARIES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A \$120,000 JOB IN A \$40,000,000 BUDGET AND THEY NEEDED TO LOOK AT ALL THE SALARIES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHY SMALL JASPER COUNTY, WHOSE SALARIES MAKE UP ABOUT 20% OF THE BUDGET, ARE PAYING SALARIES LIKE A CAT. 2 OR CAT. 3 COUNTY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON EXPLAINED THAT JASPER COUNTY WAS A CAT. 4 COUNTY WITH 25,000 PEOPLE OR LESS AND A CAT 3 COUNTY HAS 25, 000 TO 50,000 PEOPLE AND A CAT. 2 HAS 50,000-100,000 PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHY THE PEOPLE DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT, HE SAID NO ONE EVER TALKS ABOUT THAT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR WHY THE EMPLOYEES WERE PAID AS MUCH AS THEY WERE PAID AND THE ADMINISTRATOR TOLD HIM THAT A STUDY WAS DONE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID YOU CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THE SAME THING IF THE SITUATION CHANGES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID WHEN THE COUNTY HAD MONEY IT PAID THE LARGE SALARIES AND WHEN THE ECONOMY WENT BAD, THE COUNTY CONTINUED TO PAY THE LARGE SALARIES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT YOU CAN'T DO THE SAME THING AND PAY PEOPLE LARGE SALARIES AND BE CONCERNED ABOUT ONE SALARY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE WENT TO THE OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS ABOUT AND ONE AGREED, ONE SAID NOTHING BECAUSE (COUNCILMAN DRAYTON THOUGHT) HE HAD A RELATIVE MAKING A LARGE SALARY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID WE ALL HAVE TO GIVE UP SOMETHING, NOT JUST THE PEOPLE MAKING THE TOP SALARIES, BUT EVERYONE NEEDS TO GIVE UP SOMETHING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID ANOTHER COUNCIL MEMBER ASKED ABOUT THE PEOPLE ONLY MAKING \$15,000 AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THEY COULD GIVE UP 1% AND THAT IF EVERYONE GAVE UP SOMETHING AND THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO LAY OFF PEOPLE OR WORRY ABOUT THAT ONE JOB. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THE COUNCILMAN MAKES \$16,300 AND HE SAID TO CUT IT 10% AND HE WAS TOLD NO, SO HE SUGGESTED CUTTING IT \$300 AND ONE COUNCILMAN SAID NO, HE NEEDED HIS MONEY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT COUNCIL MEMBER NEEDED TO GET A JOB IF \$300 MEANS THAT MUCH. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID BEING ON COUNCIL IS NOT A JOB, IT IS REPRESENTING THE PEOPLE AND IF YOU NEED THE MONEY THEN YOU CAN BE BOUGHT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE ASKED THE COUNCILMEMBER IF HIS CONSTITUENTS KNEW HE WAS GRABBING FOR

MONEY LIKE THAT BECAUSE IF YOU ARE, YOU CAN BE BOUGHT AND AT THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING YOU SAW A COUNCIL MEMBER BEING BOUGHT. COUNCIL MAN DRAYTON SAID IF YOU ARE GRABBING FOR MONEY YOU CAN BE BOUGHT AND WE CANNOT OPERATE LIKE THAT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE PEOPLE NEED TO LOOK AT THE ENTIRE BUDGET, NOT ONE JOB. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THERE IS ANOTHER REASON EVERYBODY OPPOSES THE JOB AND IF THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE BUDGET THEY WOULD LOOK AT THE SALARIES AND NOT PAY EVERYONE LIKE WALTERBORO AND FLORENCE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID JASPER COUNTY IS NOT IN THAT CATEGORY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID YOU ALSO HAVE TO LOOK AT THE INTEGRITY AND HE SAID HE MADE THE SUGGESTION TO CUT THE FIRE CONTRACT IN LEVY IF EVERYONE ELSE WAS BEING CUT AND HE WILL SUGGEST IT AGAIN IF EVERYTHING ELSE IS CUT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID EVERY WEEK THE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AT \$120,000. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE KNOWS THE FINANCE DIRECTOR SUPPORTED THE POSITION BECAUSE HE WANTED THE JOB AND HE COULDN'T WANT THE JOB IF HE DIDN'T SUPPORT IT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID TWO DAYS AFTER THE MEETING, PEOPLE WERE AT HIS HOUSE BEGGING HIM TO LEAVE THAT ALONE BECAUSE THEY NEEDED THE MONEY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON TOLD THE PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND MAKE A CHART AND LIST THE TOP 25 JOBS, THE SALARIES, THE RACE AND WHERE THEY LIVE. MS. BARTOLDUS CALLED OUT FROM THE AUDIENCE WHY DOES RACE NEED TO BE INCLUDED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED MS. BARTOLDUS OUT OF ORDER. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE REASON THEY DID NOT WANT TO CUT THE SALARIES IS BECAUSE THEY ARE RELATED TO OR KNOW THE EMPLOYEES; THEY JUST WANT TO CUT THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR THAT ONE JOB FOR \$125,000. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT ONE JOB, IN A \$40,000,000 BUDGET WITH SALARIES MAKING UP 20% OF THE BUDGET, IS WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY IS THE PROBLEM. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE GETS EMAILS AND LETTERS TRYING TO FRIGHTEN HIM. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE LED A BATTALION IN COMBAT, IN LIFE AND DEATH SITUATIONS, AND THE EMAILS STATING THAT 500 PEOPLE AND THE TELEVISION STATIONS WILL BE AT THE MEETING DOES NOT FRIGHTEN HIM. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HIS WIFE ASKED WHO IS THIS KATHY THAT KEEPS SENDING HIM E-MAILS ABOUT THE BUDGET EVERY WEEK. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THIS IS FOOLISH AND THEY NEED TO BE SERIOUS AND NOT LOOK AT ONE JOB, BUT TO LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND GET IT UNDER CONTROL. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT ACCORDING THE SCAC WAGE STUDY JASPER COUNTY FALLS IN CATEGORY FOUR AND IT SHOULD PAY LIKE CATEGORY FOUR. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT IS THE ISSUE AND TOLD THE PEOPLE TO MAKE A CHART AND THEY WILL SEE WHERE THE BUDGET IS.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN PUBLIC ARGUMENTS AS IT MAKES THE COUNCIL LOOK BAD IN FRONT OF THE VOTERS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE IS NOT ONE WHO CAN BE BOUGHT AND HOPES HE NEVER HEARS THAT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE SALARIES WERE IN PLACE WHEN HE WAS ELECTED AND A MAN

SHOULD BE PAID FOR THE WORK HE DOES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID CARS AND GAS COST MONEY AND HE IS NOT RICH AND HE NEEDS WHAT HE IS PAID, BUT HE WILL NOT BE PAID UNDER THE TABLE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID \$16,000 IS NOT GOING TO MAKE ANYONE RICH. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IN THE PAST 6 YEARS THE SCHOOL HAS NOT SEEN AN INCREASE AND THE PEOPLE WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY HAVE TO DO MORE THAN THEY WERE PAID FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID PEOPLE CAN'T QUIT ONE JOB AND GO TO ANOTHER ONE AND THEY HAVE TO ACCEPT WHAT THEY GET. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID WHEN THEY HAD TO DOWNLOAD THE EMPLOYEES, THE REMAINING EMPLOYEES TOOK ON DOUBLE THE WORK, THEY ARE DOING MORE THAN THEY HAVE EVER DONE AND HE APPRECIATES WHAT THEY DO. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HE ATTENDED THE STATE OF THE REGION ADDRESS AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GATEWAY CROSSINGS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH A REPORT FROM LCOG REGARDING THE DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW AND HE HAD EXTRA COPIES IF THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE A COPY.

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT AN ARTICLE ABOUT BE GREEN WAS INCLUDED IN THE SC BIZ PUBLICATION.

MR. FULGHUM INVITED THE COUNCIL TO TAKE PART IN A WEB CONFERENCE ON BUDGETING.

MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF A GRANT RECEIVED BY PARKS AND RECREATION AND HE ASKED MR. DAVIS TO DISCUSS THE GRANT. MR. DAVIS SAID HE HAS BEEN WORKING ON A GRANT TO CONNECT THE SCHOOLS TO THE PARK AND THE COUNTY WAS AWARDED A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,084 AND THE COUNTY'S MATCH WOULD BE \$24,271. MR. DAVIS SAID ALL BUT \$8,700 WOULD BE IN KIND SERVICES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE GRANT AND MATCH FUNDING NOT TO EXCEED \$122,000. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHERE THE \$8,700 WOULD COME FROM. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT WOULD COME FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND REPORTED THAT THEY WERE ALL UNDER BUDGET. MR. JIROUSEK HIGHLIGHTED THE KNOWLES ISLAND PROJECT, THE EMERGENCY SERVICES PARKING LOT, THE OLD CHARLESTON HIGHWAY CBDG SEWER PROJECT, THE CYPRESS RIDGE INDUSTRIAL PARK ACCESS, THE HEALTH DEPT. BUILDING AND THE CYPRESS RIDGE WATER AND SEWER PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY MAY DELAY THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING AS THEY ARE TRYING TO GET CBDG FUNDING FOR THIS PROJECT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED THAT THEY LOOK AT THE COST OF A NEW BUILDING AND THE COST TO REDO THE BUILDING. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE BUILDING HAS A LOT OF PROBLEMS AND IT MAY BE MORE PRACTICAL TO REPLACE IT.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC - REQUEST TO BE HEARD PER ORDINANCE 08-17 - ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN UP TO SPEAK AT ANY REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. INTERESTED CITIZENS MAY SIGN AN AGENDA LIST MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR MEETING. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST INDICATE THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY SEEK TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AND INCLUDE THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. THE CHAIRMAN MAY PERMIT ADDITIONAL TIME FOR SPEAKERS. NO SPEAKER MAY USE LANGUAGE THAT IS OBSCENE, DISRUPTIVE, SCURRILOUS, OR RECKLESSLY DEFAMATORY.

DENISE DAVIDSON PROVIDED A POSTER AND THANKED COUNCILMAN DRAYTON FOR OPENING THE WINDOW CONCERNING MS. DAVENPORTS LETTER. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED THE COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR'S POSITION AND THAT OVER 1,000 SIGNATURES WERE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL ASKING THAT THE POSITION NOT BE FILLED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE COUNTY COUNCIL IS PAID AND THEY ALSO RECEIVE PERKS LIKE TRAVEL EXPENSES. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE IN JASPER COUNTY IS 50% AND THE SUPERINTENDENT MAKES MORE THAN THE GOVERNOR. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE LOOKS FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MS. DAVIDSON SAID COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION PAID \$120,000 AND THE PAPER SAID \$85,000 AND SHE THANKED COUNCILMAN DRAYTON FOR MAKING THE CORRECTION. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT SALARY IS 50%-60% HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE AND THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE COUNTY. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED WHY CONDEMN BUILDINGS AND SCHOOLS INSTEAD OF LEASING THEM TO BRING IN \$8,800,000 TO THE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOLS WOULD BE RENOVATED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID MS. DAVIDSON'S TIME WAS UP. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID SHE WOULD RELINQUISH HER TIME TO MS. DAVIDSON. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT WAS NOT ALLOWED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID IT WAS DONE AT THE LAST MEETING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE DID LET OTHERS TALK LONGER AT THE LAST MEETING, BUT HE WAS NOT ALLOWING IT AT THIS MEETING. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA OF THE NEXT MEETING SO SHE WILL NOT BE LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES.

MS. RAMOS SAID THAT SHE WAS A BAR OWNER FROM HARDEEVILLE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED THAT SHE COME TO THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 24, 2011.

KATHY LANGFORD SAID SHE IS THE KATHY THAT HAS BEEN SENDING MR. DRAYTON EMAILS. MS. LANGFORD ASKED WHY THE COUNCIL PERSISTS ON HIRE A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR THAT IS NOT NEEDED WHEN MORE FIRE PROTECTION IS NEEDED. MS. LANGFORD SAID THAT THE COUNCIL IS NOT DOING WHAT IS BEST FOR THE PEOPLE AND IT IS THEIR JOB TO WORK FOR THE PEOPLE. MS. LANGFORD SAID THERE WERE EIGHT PAGES OF DELINQUENT TAXES IN THE NEWSPAPER. MS. LANGFORD SAID THE

PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES AND THEIR LAND BECAUSE OF WASTEFUL SPENDING LIKE HIRING A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR.

DR. MCBRAYER RECOMMENDED THAT EVERYONE GET A COPY OF THE OCTOBER 12, 2011 EDITION OF THE JASPER COUNTY SUN. DR. MCBRAYER SAID HE HAS ONLY MISSED ONE COUNCIL MEETING IN THE PAST 3 MONTHS AND THERE HAS BEEN A STREAM OF CITIZENS AND A PETITION WITH OVER 1,000 SIGNATURES. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THE CITIZENS ARE TRYING TO GET THE MESSAGE TO COUNCIL THAT THEY DON'T WANT A DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THERE ARE A LOT OF WEALTHY PEOPLE IN JASPER COUNTY WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE MONEY AND WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP OUT IF THEY WERE ASKED. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT SCAC PUBLISHES THE SALARY AND WAGE REPORT FOR PEOPLE TO SEE. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT THE WALL ST. JOURNAL REPORTED THAT HARRISBURG, PA. HAS FILLED BANKRUPTCY AND THAT RHODE ISLAND IS ON THE BRINK OF BANKRUPTCY. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THE CITIZENS WATCH THE MEETINGS AND THEY CAN COME TOGETHER AND GET SOME IDEAS ON THE TABLE. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THEY SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT MONEY, NOT RACE, WHICH WILL BRING THE PEOPLE TOGETHER. DR. MCBRAYER SAID \$8,800,000 COULD GO TO THE SCHOOL SYSTEM, BUT IT WAS TURNED DOWN. DR. MCBRAYER SAID THE CHILDREN ARE THE ONES WHO WILL SUFFER. DR. MCBRAYER ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO GET OUT AND VOTE IN THE NEXT ELECTION.

BARBARA BARTOLDUS DISCUSSED THE FOUNDATION DINNER AND THAT THE COUNTY SPENT \$1,000 FOR A TABLE AT THE DINNER. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID 3 COUNCIL MEMBERS COULD NOT ATTEND AND THE TICKETS WERE GIVEN TO STAFF MEMBERS. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID SHE REQUESTED THAT TWO TICKETS THAT WERE FOR COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE BE GIVEN TO 2 NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THE TICKETS WERE ALREADY GIVEN TO STAFF. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID SHE REQUESTED THAT THE STAFF THAT RECEIVED THE TICKETS BE CONTACTED AND ASKED TO GIVE THE TICKETS BACK SO THAT THEY COULD GO TO TWO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND SHE WAS TOLD NO, THEY WERE GIVEN OUT. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A GOOD GESTURE TO GIVE THOSE TICKETS TO A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION.

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

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR THANKED THE CITIZENS FOR COMING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE CITIZENS ELECTED FIVE PEOPLE AND THEY ARE TRYING TO DO THE BEST THEY CAN FOR ALL THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT HE KNOWS THEY CANNOT PLEASE EVERYONE, BUT THEY HAVE DONE SOME EXTRAORDINARY THINGS LIKE PASSING THE BAGGY PANTS ORDINANCE, RENOVATED THE COURTHOUSE AND BUILT THE NEW GOVERNMENT BUILDING. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT THIS COUNCIL HAS DONE MORE FOR JASPER COUNTY THAN ANY OTHER COUNCIL DID FOR JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE RESPECTS THE CITIZENS' INPUT AND HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITIZENS TO RESPECT THE COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN

BLACKSHEAR SAID THE CITIZENS NEED TO COME TO COUNCIL AND MAKE REQUESTS, NOT DEMANDS.

ADJOURN – VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND CHAIRMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:45 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN