



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
HARDEEVILLE CITY HALL
NOV. 2, 2015
AGENDA**

5:30 p.m.

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

Officials Absent: Councilman D. Thomas Johnson

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

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: Vice Chairman Sauls 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, Ridgeland/Claude Dean Airport and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, 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, IPW vs Jasper County. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that the county attorney file a lawsuit seeking a civil injunction regarding the dog situation on the Grays Highway Property previously discussed by the Council. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. (The property is located at 1295 Grays Highway (E-911 address 1125 Grays Highway).

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

Invocation – Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

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

Approval of the Minutes - Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ordinances

Ronnie Malphrus – 2nd Reading of the ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain radio and dispatch equipment by Jasper County by lease-purchase financing in the amount of not exceeding \$936,618.14; the execution and delivery of certain instruments, including a lease-purchase agreement by Jasper County; and other matters relating thereto – Mr. Malphrus explained that the purchase of the radios and dispatch equipment was to come in-line with the standards. Mr. Malphrus said the total cost was approximately \$1,400,000 and the budget included \$500,000 and the balance would be paid for with a lease purchase with Motorola in the amount of \$936,618.14. Vice chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 2nd reading of the ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain radio and dispatch equipment by Jasper County by lease-purchase financing in the amount of not exceeding \$936,618.14; the execution and delivery of certain instruments, including a lease-purchase agreement by Jasper County; and other matters relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Councilman Etheridge commented that this was not something the Council wanted to do, but it has to be done to stay compliant.

Committee Reports – Councilman Etheridge reported that he attended the State of the Region meeting and an LCOG meeting. Councilman Etheridge said that LCOG was putting information regarding the demographics of the Lowcountry on their website and it contained a lot of good information. Councilman Etheridge said the Hwy. 17 project was still on track and that \$86,000,000 for road projects was included in the SCDOT quarterly report. **Vice Chairman Sauls** reported that he attended 2 Alliance meetings and he is now chair of the legislative committee. Vice Chairman Sauls discussed the meeting with Sen. Matthews regarding Exit 3 and that he would be meeting with the Dept. of Commerce on Nov. 19, 2015. Vice Chairman Sauls said he also attended the State of the Region meeting and he announced the date of the Big Thursday Oyster Roast. **Councilman Drayton** reported that he attended the State of the Region meeting and he would be meeting with the citizens from Tarboro. Councilman Drayton said he spoke

with Senator Davis and the Delegation would be meeting soon. Chairwoman Clark said she attended the same meetings as the other Council Members and the County was working on a lot of projects that will be great for the County. Chairwoman Clark thanked the staff for their hard work and the monthly reports. Chairwoman Clark welcomed Sen. Matthews and said she hoped to meet with her soon.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Fulghum provided the Council with the monthly report from HR and explained that it could not go out with the other monthly reports because it contained confidential information. Mr. Fulghum said the HR report will be hand delivered monthly.

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 Polices and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes – There were no comments.

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

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman