

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
CITY OF HARDEEVILLE COUNCIL
JOINT MEETING
SGT. JASPER PARK
JANUARY 28, 2008
4:00 P.M.**

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES, COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR, MAYOR CANNON, COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES, COUNCILMAN WILLIS, COUNCILMAN COOLER, COUNCILMAN HORTON

OFFICIALS ABSENT:

CHAIRMAN GEORGE HOOD, COUNCILMAN TYLER

STAFF PRESENT:

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM – ADMINISTRATOR, LISA LAMB- PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR, MARVIN JONES – ATTORNEY, JUDITH FRANK- CLERK TO COUNCIL
CITY OF HARDEEVILLE STAFF PRESENT:

SHANE HAYNES – ADMINISTRATOR, KEVIN GRIFFIN- DEPUTY COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, BRANA SNOWDEN – PLANNING DIRECTOR, KAREN JARRETT- CITY ENGINEER

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:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN CALLED THE COUNTY COUNCIL TO ORDER.
MAYOR CANNON CALLED THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE COUNCIL TO ORDER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

COUNCILMAN BROOKS WILLIS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

DISCUSSION REGARDING JOINT PLANNING IN SOUTHERN JASPER COUNTY:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE COUNCILS WOULD HAVE A ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION AND ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO UPDATE EVERYONE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNTY PASSED AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE THAT WOULD EXPIRE ON FEB. 14, 2008. THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE WAS PASSED SO THAT THE COUNTY COULD ISSUE PERMITS AND IT ESTABLISHED COUNTY ZONING THE JOINT PLANNING AREAS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE HAVE BEEN TWO READINGS OF AN ORDINANCE THAT WILL PUT THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY BACK WITH THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT THAT THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ATTRACT GOOD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED THE ORDINANCE AND HAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL PASS THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN OPENED THE FLOOR FOR THE DISCUSSION. MR. CANNON SAID THE PROBLEM STARTED WHEN THE COUNTY PASSED THE ZONING ORDINANCE THAT TOOK EVERYTHING IN THE JOINT PLANNING AREA OUT AND HARDEEVILLE DID NOT KNOW WHAT THEIR ROLE WOULD BE. MR. CANNON SAID THE CITY WAS NOT GIVEN ANY LEAD TIME FROM THE OLD ORDINANCE TO THE NEW ORDINANCE AND WHAT THEY HAD BEEN ENFORCING WAS NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE. MR. CANNON SAID THAT THEY MOVED FORWARD BECAUSE THEY WERE TOLD THE COUNTY COUNCIL WANTED TO DO AWAY WITH THE JOINT PLANNING DISTRICT AND THAT WHILE HARDEEVILLE FEELS IT IS A MISTAKE, THEY WOULD GO ALONG WITH WHATEVER THE COUNTY DECIDED AND THEY WERE NOT GOING TO FIGHT ANY CHANGE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL NEVER SAID THEY WANTED TO DO AWAY WITH JOINT PLANNING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE CITIZENS WERE COMPLAINING THAT THEY HAD TO GO TO TWO

DIFFERENT PLACES TO GET THINGS DONE AND THE CITIZENS DID NOT THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE TO PAY FEES TO THE CITY SINCE THEY LIVED IN THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THAT THE ZONING IN THE JOINT PLANNING AREAS AND THAT THE ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS SHOULD BE DONE BY JASPER COUNTY.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE QUESTIONED THAT FROM THE BEGINNING AND THEY FELT THE CITY SHOULD BE DOING THE ZONING AND BUILDING PERMITS, BECAUSE THE CITY WAS REVIEWING THE PLANS AND THE FEES WERE FOR PLAN REVIEW. MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT HE BELIEVED THE INSPECTIONS AND ZONING SHOULD BE DONE BY HARDEEVILLE IF THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO ENFORCE IT. MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT THEY WERE ENFORCING THE OLD COUNTY ORDINANCE BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT THEY WERE GIVEN TO WORK WITH. MAYOR CANNON SAID PART OF THE PROBLEM WAS THAT HARDEEVILLE WAS ENFORCING THE COUNTY'S REQUIREMENTS, THAT THE COUNTY DID NOT ENFORCE IN THE PAST. MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE JOINT PLANNING PROCESS, HARDEEVILLE SAID THAT HAVING TO GO TO TWO DIFFERENT PLACES FOR PERMITTING WAS GOING TO BE A PROBLEM.

COUNCILMAN HORTON SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE TRIED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM IN JULY AT A MEETING WITH COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES. COUNCILMAN HORTON SAID THE CITIZENS ARE UPSET BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GO TWO PLACES AND RIDGELAND DOES NOT HAVE THIS PROBLEM SINCE THE COUNTY'S OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN RIDGELAND. COUNCILMAN HORTON SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE USES PAID INSPECTORS AND IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THE COUNTY PAY A PORTION OF AN EXTRA PART TIME PERSON TO COVER THE COUNTY'S INSPECTIONS.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT IF IT IS SPLIT AND THE PERMITTING IS DONE BY JASPER COUNTY, AND IF HARDEEVILLE DOES THE PLAN REVIEW IT WOULD NOT BE FAIR BECAUSE THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE'S TAX DOLLARS WOULD BE PAYING FOR THE PLAN REVIEW. COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THAT THIS WAS DISCUSSED, BUT IT NEVER WENT ANY FARTHER AND SHE NEVER FELT HARDEEVILLE WAS DOING ANYTHING WRONG. COUNCILWOMAN JONES CONTINUED THAT THE CITIZENS WERE COMPLAINING BECAUSE THE OLD ORDINANCE WAS BEING ENFORCED BY HARDEEVILLE AND THE ORDINANCE WAS NEVER ENFORCED BEFORE. MAYOR CANNON SAID THEY ALWAYS USED AND ENFORCED THE COUNTY'S ORDINANCE, NOT THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE'S ORDINANCE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN THE JOINT PLANNING AREA.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCILS NEED TO TALK TO FIND OUT WHAT THE TRUTH WAS AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS HAPPENING AND THE COUNTY STAFF WAS NOT ENFORCING THE OLD ORDINANCE AND WHEN IT CHANGED AND THEY WERE SUDDENLY BEING ENFORCED, THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT DON ROGERS PUT IN A SWIMMING POOL AND DWAYNE SWIGGERT BURNED TRASH WITH A PERMIT FROM THE STATE WHICH WAS NEEDED TO BE DONE OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS AND THEY BOTH THEY NEEDED PERMITS FROM HARDEEVILLE.

COUNCILMAN BROOKS WILLIS SAID THAT AS LONG AS IT IS IN SOVEREIGN CITY OF HARDEEVILLE THE STATE CANNOT AUTHORIZE BURNING. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT MR. SWYGERT LIVES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE. HARDEEVILLE ADMINISTRATOR SHANE HAYNES SAID THAT THE BURNING WAS AN ISSUE BECAUSE OF THE FIRE CODE AND THAT AREA IS SERVICED UNDER THE HARDEEVILLE FIRE CONTRACT.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE PEOPLE DON'T WANT PEOPLE TELLING THEM WHAT TO DO IF THEY CAN'T VOTE FOR THEM.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT ALL THEY WERE ENFORCING WERE THE ORDINANCES AND LAWS PASSED BY THE COUNTY AND THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE THEY DO VOTE FOR.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT THINK HARDEEVILLE SHOULD ENFORCE THE ORDINANCES SINCE THE CITIZENS CANNOT VOTE FOR THE CITY'S OFFICIALS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS NOT A MATTER OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SATISFY THE CITIZENS, BUT THAT A SOLUTION NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE PEOPLE ARE CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING SENT BACK AND FORTH WITH THE PERMITTING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT WAS NOT THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO DISSOLVE JOINT PLANNING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID A SOLID FOUNDATION IS NEEDED AS TO HOW THINGS ARE TO BE DONE.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT THE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHY THAT HAPPENED. COUNCILMAN COOLER SAID THAT HE HAS BEEN AGAINST JOINT PLANNING SINCE THE BEGINNING AND HE SAW THE PROBLEMS COMING AND HE FELT THAT JOINT PLANNING SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE JOINT PLANNING COVERS OTHER THINGS AND IF THE NEW ORDINANCE IS PASSED THAT GIVES THE ZONING AND PERMITTING BACK TO JASPER COUNTY; THE OTHER ITEMS STILL NEED TO BE WORKED ON TOGETHER.

COUNCILMAN COOLER SAID THAT SOME GOOD THINGS HAVE COME OUT OF THE JOINT PLANNING.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THEY NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT WILL WORK AND MAKE THE CHANGE AND NOT LET MOVING THE ZONING AND PERMITTING BACK TO JASPER COUNTY MESS UP ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE AND WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY JOINT PLANNING.

MAYOR CANNON SAID HE FELT THAT THE JOINT PLANNING AREA CAN BE ELIMINATED AND THE COUNTY AND THE CITY COULD STILL WORK TOGETHER.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE JOINT PLANNING WAS DONE FOR ANNEXATION.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES SAID THE JOINT PLANNING WAS DONE SO THAT AREAS OF THE COUNTY THAT JOIN THE CITY WERE ZONED TO BLEND WITH EACH OTHER AND NOT HAVE AN INDUSTRIAL FACILITY BUILT NEXT TO A RESIDENTIAL AREA.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE FELT THAT IT HELPED THEM TO ANNEX AREAS BECAUSE THEY HAVE A STRONG PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT AND PEOPLE WOULD RATHER WORK WITH STRONG PLANNING AND ZONING.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT MORE PEOPLE HAVE COME TO HARDEEVILLE TO ANNEX SINCE THE COUNTY TOOK THE ZONING BACK.

COUNCILMAN WILLIS SAID THAT EVERYONE KNEW THE GROWTH WAS COMING AND THEY NEEDED TO GET THE JOINT PLANNING TOGETHER AND IT HAS ALL WORKED OUT FINE UNTIL A SNAG WITH THE PERMITTING HAPPENED, BUT JOINT PLANNING HELPED MOVE THINGS FORWARD AND THEY NEEDED TO CORRECT THE NUCLEUS AND NOT THROW EVERYTHING OUT.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES SAID THAT COMMUNICATION IS ALSO A PROBLEM AND THE PUBLIC IS NOT AWARE OF WHAT IS BEING DONE AND PEOPLE ARE UPSET BECAUSE THINGS THAT WERE NOT ENFORCED IN THE PAST ARE BEING ENFORCED AND NEW RULES CHANGE THE WAY THINGS ARE DONE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES CONTINUED THAT THE RULES HAVE CHANGED AND THE PUBLIC HAVE NOT HAD THE RULES COMMUNICATED TO THEM AND THERE NEEDS TO BE MORE MEETINGS TOGETHER AND TO PUBLICIZE THE CHANGES AND KEEP THE CITIZENS INFORMED.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT IF JASPER COUNTY FEELS THE PERMITTING SHOULD BE DONE BY JASPER COUNTY, HARDEEVILLE IS FINE WITH THAT, BUT IT DOES DO AWAY WITH THE JOINT PLANNING PART OF THE AGREEMENT AND MAYBE IT CAN BE CALLED SOMETHING ELSE SO THAT KEEPS THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES WORKING TOGETHER FOR THE CITIZENS.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THEY WERE GOING TO ENFORCE THE CITY 'S RULES IN THE 5 MILE DONUT.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THEY NEVER ENFORCED THE CITY'S RULES IN THE FIVE MILE DONUT, THEY ONLY ENFORCED THE RULES OF THE COUNTY, AND IT SAVED ABOUT 50% OF THE COST OF WHAT IT WOULD COST THE COUNTY TO ENFORCE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE PEOPLE NEED SERVICE AND THEY FEEL THAT THEY ARE BEING MISTREATED.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE NOT SATISFIED BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN ULTERIOR MOTIVE AND THEY CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM ONE PERSON IN THE FIVE MILE RADIUS AROUND HARDEEVILLE THAT IS SATISFIED.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE HAS ONLY BEEN ENFORCING THE COUNTY'S RULES, NOT HARDEEVILLE'S.

COUNCILMAN WILLIS SAID THE PEOPLE ARE UPSET BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO GO TO TWO PLACES FOR PERMITS AND HARDEEVILLE IS NOT TRYING TO CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THAT THE PROBLEM IS WITH JOINT PLANNING AND NOT THAT HARDEEVILLE HAS DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID JASPER COUNTY CREATED THE PROBLEM BY GIVING AWAY THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THE 5 MILE RADIUS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL MADE THE MISTAKE

UNINTENTIONALLY OF GIVING AWAY THE ZONING PERMITS AND THE COUNCIL WAS NOT AWARE AND THEY DID NOT KNOW THE 5 MILE RADIUS WAS NOT A CIRCLE, BUT A PLANNING AREA. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNTY COUNCIL WANTED TO CORRECT THE MISTAKE AND THEY WANT TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER WITH HARDEEVILLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID IT HAS TO BE A JOINT EFFORT, AND THERE IS NEVER A TIME THAT EVERYONE IS HAPPY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT WORKING AND COMMUNICATING WITH HARDEEVILLE IS A GOOD THING THAT NEEDS TO CONTINUE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THEY ALL HAD SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, BUT THE FLAWS NEED TO BE TALKED ABOUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE STAFF CAN TALK, BUT THEY CANNOT ACT UNTIL THE COUNCIL TELLS THEM WHAT ACTION TO TAKE.

COUNCILMAN HORTON COMMENTED THAT THE COUNCILS NEED TO WORK TOWARDS A COMMON GOAL AND THEY NEED TO WORK ON THE PLANNING PROCESS. COUNCILMAN HORTON SUGGESTED THAT A DRAFT OF ANOTHER AGREEMENT BE WORKED ON TOGETHER AND THAT HARDEEVILLE DID NOT CARE IF JASPER COUNTY WANTED TO DO THE ZONING AND PERMITTING, BUT THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE WORKING TOGETHER. MAYOR CANNON SAID THE JOINT PLANNING MAY NEED TO BE DISSOLVED, BUT THERE IS NO REASON THAT THE CITY AND COUNTY CAN'T WORK TOGETHER. COUNCILMAN HORTON SAID THAT IF RIDGELAND WANTS TO WORK ON IT ANOTHER WAY, HARDEEVILLE DOES NOT HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE FELT EACH AREA SHOULD BE TREATED THE SAME.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES SAID FROM THE BEGINNING, HARDEEVILLE KNEW THAT THE ZONING AND PERMITTING WOULD BE TAKEN BACK BY THE COUNTY, AND NOW THAT THINGS ARE STRAIGHTENED OUT, AND THE GAPS ARE FILLED, HARDEEVILLE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE CHANGE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT THE COUNCILS MET FOR A PURPOSE AND HE FELT THAT PURPOSE WAS DONE; HOWEVER, HE STILL HAD A PROBLEM WITH THE CITY ENFORCING THE COUNTY'S RULES.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE STEPPED UP TO HELP JASPER COUNTY AND NOW THAT THE MORATORIUM IS LIFTED AND NOW IT WILL GO BACK TO JASPER COUNTY.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WAS 100% FOR THE FIRE CONTRACT, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW ALL OF THIS WAS GOING TO GO INTO IT.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THE JOINT PLANNING FOR THE FIRE PROTECTION HAS BEEN GREAT, BUT THIS IS AN ALL TOGETHER DIFFERENT SITUATION.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE THOUGHT THE FIVE MILE RADIUS WAS THE FIVE MILES AROUND THE CITY HALL, NOT THE FIVE MILES AROUND THE ANNEXED AREAS.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THE FIRE DISTRICT RADIUS IS PRETTY ROUND AROUND THE TOWN.

MAYOR CANNON SAID IT DOES VARY IN CERTAIN AREAS AND THE PEOPLE IN THAT AREA HAVE AN ISO RATING OF THREE.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THE PEOPLE SHOULD BE VERY HAPPY WITH THAT.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT THERE ARE TWICE AS MANY HOUSES IN THE COUNTY THAN THERE ARE IN THE CITY.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE APPRECIATED THE COMMENTS AND THE REASON THAT THINGS WERE NOT IN TUNE WAS BECAUSE THERE WERE LARGE DEVELOPMENTS AROUND HARDEEVILLE IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THERE WERE ALSO LONG TIME RESIDENTS. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE FELT HARDEEVILLE'S STAFF DID AN EXCELLENT JOB AND THEY ACCOMPLISHED A LOT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE STAFF WAS LOOKING FOR THE COUNCILS TO PROVIDE THE POLICY FOR THE STAFF TO DIRECT.

MR. HAYNES SAID THAT HE RESPECTS WHAT THE COUNCIL DOES AND THEY HAVE DONE SOME THINGS TOGETHER THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN ACHIEVED BEFORE. MR. HAYNES ASKED THE COUNCILS NOT TO LOOSE SIGHT OF WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND BOTH THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE BENEFITED FROM THE JOINT PLANNING. MR. HAYNES SAID THAT GROWTH IS STRONG IN THE MUNICIPALITIES AND IN THE COUNTY AND THAT IS SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF. MR. HAYNES ASKED THE COUNTY AND HARDEEVILLE TO AGREE TO WORK TOGETHER ON OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE PART OF THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT AND HE WILL DO WHATEVER THE POLICY MAKERS DECIDE.

COUNCILMAN WILLIS SAID THAT IT IS KNOWN THROUGH OUT THE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION WHAT THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES HAVE ACCOMPLISHED AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT HAS NEVER BEEN DONE ANYWHERE ELSE. COUNCILMAN WILLIS CONTINUED THAT SOME PEOPLE WILL DO THINGS TO RUIN THINGS BECAUSE OF PERSON'S PERSONAL GOALS. COUNCILMAN WILLIS SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THIS COULD BE HANDLED SO THAT IT DOES NOT DESTROY ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES SAID THAT THE GREENVILLE POPULUS WANTS WHAT JASPER COUNTY IS DOING AND THAT THREE PEOPLE FROM THE COUNCIL WILL BE REMOVED IF THEY DON'T GET IT TOGETHER.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THAT THREE YOUNG ADMINISTRATORS WORKED TOGETHER AND PUT THIS TOGETHER AND NOW THERE IS A KINK IN IT AND IT NEEDS TO BE WORKED OUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCILS NEED TO CONTINUE TO COMMUNICATE AND WORK TOGETHER MAKING SURE THE OTHER PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT MOVE FORWARD AND THAT THEY WORK TOGETHER ON THEIR COMPREHENSIVE PLANS.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT THE THREE ADMINISTRATORS DID A GOOD JOB WITH THE JOINT PLANNING.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES ASKED WHEN THE COUNTY TAKES BACK THE JOINT PLANNING AREA WILL THEY HAVE THE STAFF TO DO THE WORK. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IF THE ORDINANCE MOVES FORWARD AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE JOINT PLANNING COMMISSIONS, THE INDIVIDUAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS NEED TO COMMUNICATE.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES RESPONDED TO COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES 'QUESTION AND SAID THAT THE COUNTY DOES HAVE PEOPLE IN PLACE TO HANDLE THE WORK. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT ALL THE WEEKS AND MONTHS THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WORKED ON THE ZONING SHE DID NOT KNOW WHY THE MUNICIPALITIES WERE NOT INCLUDED OR WHY THEY DIDN'T GET TO REVIEW THE ORDINANCE AND THEY WERE NOT GIVEN ANY INFORMATION UNTIL AFTER IT WAS COMPLETED AND THERE WAS NO COMMUNICATION TO THE MUNICIPALITIES FROM THE STAFF OR THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE PROCESS WAS PAINFUL AND THE ULTIMATE GOAL WAS TO GET JASPER COUNTY GOOD ZONING AND HARDEEVILLE WAS VERY HELPFUL AND HARDEEVILLE HAD A LOT ON THEIR PLATE AND THEY STILL HELPED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION WAS AN OVERSIGHT AND UNFAIR.

MAYOR CANNON SAID IT HAS BEEN GREAT WORKING WITH THE COUNTY AND HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN AGREED WITH MAYOR CANNON AND SAID THAT THE COUNTY AND MUNICIPALITIES NEED TO WORK TOGETHER.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THAT WHEN PROBLEMS OCCUR THAT THEY NEED TO BE PUT OUT ON THE TABLE AND RESOLVED.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES STATED THAT THE COUNCILS SHOULD NOT LET THE NEWSPAPERS AND PEOPLE WITH PERSONAL AGENDAS SPLIT THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONSHIP THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT ONE DAY THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE SATELLITE OFFICES IN HARDEEVILLE.

COUNCILWOMAN BEA JONES SUGGESTED THE COUNTY SPEAK WITH DR. SANFORD ABOUT USING THE OLD HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL FOR SATELLITE OFFICES.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL HAD VOTED AGAINST PURCHASING ANYMORE PROPERTY BECAUSE THEY HAVE ENOUGH SPACE IN RIDGELAND, BUT SPACE IS NEEDED IN HARDEEVILLE FOR THE TREASURER AND AUDITOR TO HAVE A SATELLITE OFFICE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THEY MAY USE THE OLD HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING.

MAYOR CANNON SAID THERE ARE WAYS TO GET DONE WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE AND THE COUNCILS NEED TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD TO MAKE THINGS HAPPEN.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE ONLY HAD ONE VOTE, BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE COUNCILS ALL COME TOGETHER AND WORK TOGETHER.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID AS LONG AS THE PEOPLE ARE HUMAN, THINGS WILL GET OUT OF HAND, AND THE COUNCILS JUST NEED TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER AND SOLVE THE PROBLEMS.

MAYOR CANNON COMMENTED THAT SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BACK UP AND CORRECT THINGS PROPERLY.

COUNCILWOMAN GLADYS JONES SAID THE ONLY THING THAT THE COUNCIL WANTED TO CHANGE WILL BE THAT THE ZONING AND PERMITTING WILL GO

BACK TO JASPER COUNTY AND THE MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL GO BACK TO THE COUNTY AND EACH AREA WILL HAVE THEIR OWN PLANNING COMMISSION AND ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ORIGINAL ORDINANCE THAT THE COUNCIL HAD TWO READINGS ON WERE ALONG THE GUIDELINES OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED AT THIS MEETING. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE WILL STATE THAT ALL OF THE AREAS WHERE THE COUNTY COUNCIL CEDED JURISDICTION TO THE MUNICIPALITIES WILL COME BACK TO THE COUNTY, BUT THE COUNTY WILL CONTINUE TO DO SOME TYPE OF PLANNING WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES.

ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT ANOTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT NEEDS TO BE STRUCTURED TO INCLUDE JOINT MEETINGS, AND THE PLANNING COMMISSIONS AND THE STAFFS FROM THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES TO FIND WAYS OF WORKING TOGETHER. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT BY WORKING TOGETHER IN THIS WAY IT WOULD MAKE THE PLANNING BETTER FOR THE COUNTY AND THE MUNICIPALITIES. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO LET HIM KNOW WHAT PORTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE THEY WANTED TO AMEND SO THAT HE CAN MAKE THE CHANGES AND INCLUDE HOW THE PLANNING WAS GOING TO BE DONE.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION WOULD HAVE NINE MEMBERS AND SHE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HAVING SEVEN MEMBERS ON THE COUNTY'S PLANNING COMMISSION. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE CURRENT PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY HAD THREE MEMBERS AND IF THE 2 MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO THE MUNICIPALITIES CAME BACK TO THE COUNTY THAT WOULD MAKE SEVEN MEMBERS AND THEY WERE ALL TRAINED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED FOR THE CONCENSUS OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE A DECISION CONCERNING THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBERS WITHOUT THE FULL COUNCIL BEING PRESENT.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WOULD COME IN THE NEXT VERSION OF THE ORDINANCE.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT HE WANTED EVERYONE TO WORK TOGETHER AND MAYOR CANNON AGREED.

COUNCILMAN HORTON SAID THAT THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO SET THE STANDARDS AND THEY NEED TO GET TOGETHER ON A REGULARLY SCHEDULED BASIS IN AN INFORMAL SESSION.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE FELT MORE IS ACCOMPLISHED IN SMALLER GROUPS.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR AGREED, BUT HE SUGGESTED NOT LIMITING IT TO QUARTERLY.

MR. FULGHUM COMMENTED THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF JOINT PLANNING II AND HE WOULD BRING BACK A NEW INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT.

MAYOR CANNON SAID HE FELT THE MEETING WAS VERY POSITIVE AND HE HOPED THAT THEY WOULD CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER TO SERVE THE ALL THE CITIZENS.

THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

FRED TUTEN
VICE CHAIRMAN