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**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM  
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936  
OCTOBER 11, 2011  
3:30 P.M.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE, COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY

**STAFF PRESENT:** JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL; DAVID JIROUSEK-PLANNING DIRECTOR; RENTY KITTY, BUSINESS LICENSE & SIGNS COORDINATOR; DALE TERRY - ENGINEERING SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR, HONEY JOHNSON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

**CALL TO ORDER-** COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

**INVOCATION** – COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

**MONTHLY REPORTS**

**UPDATE - HEALTH DEPT. BUILDING** – MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE DESIGN WORK WAS COMPLETE AND THEY ARE WORKING ON A BID PACKAGE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE WAS \$250,000 TO MAKE IT SAFE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THEY FOUND OUT THE BUILDING IS FULL OF ASBESTOS AND A CONTRACTOR WOULD HAVE TO BE HIRED TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF THE ASBESTOS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE BUILDING IS IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE AND IT MAY BE BEST TO LOOK INTO ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE, SUCH AS TEARING IT DOWN AND BUILDING ANOTHER BUILDING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE FIRST REPORT WAS ONLY A STRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT WAS FEASIBLE TO REPAIR THE BUILDING. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THEY NEED TO COMPARE THE LONG TERM EXPENSE OF REPAIRING THE BUILDING TO BUILDING A NEW BUILDING TO ACCOMMODATE THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT LCOG IS WORKING ON A \$500,000 GRANT AND MS. KNIGHT HAS DISCUSSED THE PROJECT IN COLUMBIA AND SHE IS ALSO LOOKING INTO RURAL FUNDING. MR.

JIROUSEK INVITED THE COMMITTEE TO TOUR THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT BUILDING. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID AFTER HEARING MR. JIROUSEK'S REPORT, IT SEEMS LIKE IT WOULD BE A WASTE OF MONEY TO REPAIR THE BUILDING AS THE BUILDING IS IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THEY WERE ORIGINALLY TOLD. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE ISSUE SHOULD GO BACK TO THE COUNCIL AND THEY SHOULD VISIT THE SITE AND DECIDE IF THE BUILDING SHOULD BE REPAIRED OR REPLACED. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE AGREED ESPECIALLY IF CBDG FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID ANY FUNDS ALREADY SPENT WOULD APPLY TOWARD THE MATCH IF CBDG FUNDING WAS GRANTED.

**KNOWLES ISLAND-** MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PLANS ARE COMPLETE, THE PERMITS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN AWARDED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE LOCAL PREFERENCE CANNOT BE APPLIED BECAUSE OF THE C-FUNDS BEING USED FOR THE PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE CONTRACT IS GETTING THE NECESSARY BONDS AND THE PROJECT SHOULD START BY THE END OF THE MONTH. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROJECT IS \$118,000 UNDER BUDGET AND THOSE FUNDS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR FUTURE PROJECTS. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE PIER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT MR. TERRY HAS RECEIVED ABOUT \$145,000 AND HE HAS APPLIED FOR A \$50,000 GRANT, BUT HE HAS NOT HEARD BACK. MR. TANNER SAID PART OF THE AREA HAS BEEN CLEARED OUT AND HE ASKED IF IT WAS THE INTENT TO CLEAR IT OUT TO THE PIER. MR. TERRY RESPONDED THAT THE BRUSH WILL BE CLEARED, BUT THEY WANTED TO KEEP A NATURAL LOOK. MR. TERRY SAID THE ENTIRE PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETELY COVERED BY GRANTS. MR. TERRY SAID HE PLANNED TO GO DOWN THERE AND SHARE THE INFORMATION WITH THE PEOPLE. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED IF THE \$118,000 COULD BE USED ON SOMETHING ELSE. MR. TERRY SAID IT CAN ONLY BE USED ON THE PROJECT IT WAS REQUESTED FOR AND MR. TANNER ASKED COULD IT BE USED FOR LANDSCAPING. MR. TERRY SAID C-FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR LANDSCAPING.

**GRAYS SCHOOL** – MR. TERRY REPORTED THAT HE IS STILL WAITING TO HEAR FROM DHEC REGARDING THE ASBESTOS REMOVAL. MR. TERRY SAID HE IS TALKING WITH THE LANDFILL AND HE HAS RECEIVED QUOTES THAT RANGE FROM \$40,000 TO \$65,000 AND THE COUNTY WOULD TEAR THE SCHOOL DOWN. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED ABOUT SAVING THE FRONT OF THE BUILDING. MR. TERRY SAID HE AS GOING TO TRY AND SAVE THE FRONT AND THE STEPS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID A STRUCTURAL ENGINEER WOULD HAVE TO DESIGN A WAY TO KEEP IT UP SAFELY. MS. ROWELL SAID IT IS ON THE NATIONAL REGISTRY AND THE PEOPLE WANT TO KEEP IT UP AS A SYMBOL AND IT MEANS A LOT TO THE COMMUNITY. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT WAS SAVED AND THAT IT IS DONE SO THAT IT IS SAFE.

**INFRASTRUCTURE AT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK-**

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE HAVE BEEN SOME ISSUES AND SOME TO THE CONTRACTS NEEDED TO BE AMENDED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT HE HAS THE PERMITS IN HAND AND PALMETTO ELECTRIC WANTS THE RDA FUNDS SPENT. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT ONLY 8 INCH PIPE WAS INSTALLED AND 12 INCH PIPE IS NEEDED FOR THE BUILD OUT OF THE PARK. MR. JIROUSEK RECOMMENDED THAT THE EXTRA FUNDS BE USED TO REPLACE THE 8 INCH PIPE WITH 12 INCH PIPE. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY SAID IF THE MONEY IS THERE THEN DO IT RIGHT. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED HOW THE WRONG SIZE PIPES WERE INSTALLED AND NO ONE CAUGHT THE MISTAKE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE TOWN REVIEWED THE PLANS, BUT HE DOES NOT KNOW WHO PUT IN THE PIPES. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE TO BRING THE CONTRACTS THAT NEED TO BE AMENDED TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

**OLD CHARLESTON HIGHWAY SEWER PROJECT-** MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS PROJECT SHOULD GO OUT TO BID BY THE END OF OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REVIEW HAS BEEN DONE AND THE PUMP STATION SITE HAS BEEN LOCATED.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES PARKING LOT –** MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE PROJECT IS ON SCHEDULE AND IT IS GETTING THE NECESSARY PERMITS AND OBTAINING A RIGHT OF WAY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE DESIGN WORK IS ALMOST DONE AND THE PROJECT SHOULD GO OUT TO BID IN LATE OCTOBER OR EARLY NOVEMBER. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE COUNTY RECEIVED \$344,000 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE FOR THIS PROJECT.

**OLD HOUSE INTERSECTION-** MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE STATE NEEDED TO ACQUIRE SOME RIGHT OF WAYS AND THE DESIGN IS ALMOST COMPLETE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STATE PLANS TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY ASKED IF THIS COULD BE CHALLENGED IN COURT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH THE ATTORNEY. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE WORK WAS BEING DONE WITH STIMULUS MONEY AND NEEDED TO SPENT WITHIN A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF TIME. COMMITTEE MEMBER GREGORY TOLD MR. JIROUSEK TO MAKE SURE THE ATTORNEY LOOKS INTO IT.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT AND LIST OF BUSINESSES THAT DID NOT RENEW BUSINESS LICENSE –**

MR. KITTY PROVIDED THE COMMITTEE WITH A LIST OF ALL THE COMPANIES THAT HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR BUSINESS LICENSES. MR. KITTY SAID THAT TWO NEW BUSINESSES OPENED, 2 BUSINESSES CLOSED AND 2 BUSINESSES CHANGED HANDS. MR. KITTY REPORTED THAT HE RECEIVED 27 APPLICATIONS AND THE COLLECTIONS SINCE JULY ARE \$195,233.50; HOWEVER, SOME OF THOSE FUNDS WILL BE CREDITED TO LAST YEAR. MR. KITTY REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY NOT PAY ANYONE

UNTIL THEY CHECK AND MAKE SURE THEY HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. JIROUSEK SUGGESTED THAT MR. KITTY COORDINATE WHAT IS NEEDED TO OPEN A BUSINESS SO THAT EVERYONE IS ON THE SAME PAGE.

**BUILDING AND PLANNING** – MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THEY RECEIVED A MAJOR SUBDIVISION APPLICATION FOR 14 LOTS. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE LOWCOUNTY COMMERCE PARK HAS SUBMITTED A MASTER PLAN AND IT WILL GO TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION IN NOVEMBER.

**REPORT ON ALL MOBILE HOMES THE COUNTY BID ON THAT WERE NOT REDEEMED AND LIST OF ALL FORFEIT LAND COMMISSION PROPERTY** – THESE ITEMS WERE NOT DISCUSSED AS THE INFORMATION HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED AND MR. MALPHRUS WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING.

**ADJOURN** – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ETHERIDGE ADJOURNED THE MEETING AT 4:55 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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HENRY ETHERIDGE  
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN