



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
**COUNCIL MEETING**

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936  
Monday, October 16, 2023  
**MINUTES**

**Officials Present:** Chairman L. Martin Sauls IV, Vice Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp, Councilman Coy Garbade

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, Rose Dobson-Elliott, Danny Lucas and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

**1. Call to Order:**

Chairman Sauls called the Executive Session Meeting to order and read the Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In compliance with the Freedom of Information Act, notice of meetings and agendas were posted and furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification.*

**2. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.**

**(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:**

**(1) 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 – Levy Fire Protection District Board**

**(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to 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 – Davis v. Jasper County; Cameron Heddings v Jasper County; Horowitz / McDowell v Jasper County; Airport Matters - Removal of Fuel Tank, Professional Services Contract with Holt Consulting Company LLC; Ridgeland Fire Contract; Lobbying Services Contract; Exit 3; Tax Map #'s 063-26-14-001 and 063-26-14-002; Tax Map # 067-00-01-010; Coroner's Contracts for Transport; Discussion of IGA – Ambulance Service pursuant to § 6-1-190; Discussion of IGA – Fire Protection and Emergency Services with the Town of Ridgeland; Project Showcase Legal Representation**

**(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision**

**of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – [Prospect Update](#)**

**Motion to go into executive session:** Councilman Kemp

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

### **3: Return to Open Session at 6:30PM**

**Motion to return to open session:** Councilman Adkins

**Second:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

#### **o 3.1 Action coming out of Executive Session:**

**Motion to move to authorize the county administrator to execute a Waiver of Conflict regarding Parker Poe's proposed representation of Unified Resources and it's affiliates in Fee in Lieu Negotiations with Jasper County as requested by Parker Poe in its disclosure correspondence:** Vice Chairwoman Clark

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

### **4. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given, and Councilman Adkins gave the invocation.

Chairman Sauls welcomed everyone and noted that everyone was wearing pink in observance and to represent Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

**5. Discussion of Consent Agenda and Agenda Items:** The Consent Agenda was discussed and it was decided that R-2023-21 would be removed from this agenda.

### **6. Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item # 18 on the consent agenda shown as: Russell Wells- Consideration of Council Approval of Resolution #R-2023-21 approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Fire Protection and Emergency**

**Services between Jasper County, South Carolina and the Town of Ridgeland, and matters related thereto and tabled to the 11.06.2023 meeting – Councilman Kemp**

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

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### **7. Chairman Sauls – Proclamation: A proclamation to Ms. Beatrice Graham from the Jasper County Council in Recognition of her 105<sup>th</sup> Birthday and her accomplishments.**

Chairman Sauls read the proclamation for the record and he along with Council presented this Proclamation to Ms. Beatrice Graham. Ms. Graham's family was in attendance Chairman Sauls and Council congratulated her. Chairman Sauls noted that she was the 2nd eldest person in South Carolina.

### **8. Chris Hance and Bill Ramsey of M.B. Kahn – M.B. Kahn Update**

M.B. Kahn gave an update to Council and discussed the Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport Apron Expansion and the Farmer's Market Renovations. They also mentioned that coming into works was the Pratt Memorial Library, Courthouse Renovations, Coosawhatchie Fire Station and Community Center, Ridgeland-Claude Dean Airport Terminal. They noted and discussed Capital Planning of additional projects awaiting work authorizations for FY2023 and FY2024. For more information on this presentation please see the 10.16.2023 agenda e-packet provided on our Elected Officials, County Council Page for Agenda's, Minutes and E-Packets or for the video go to <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537>.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

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### **9. David Tedder – Public Hearing and Consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2023-18** clarifying that the provisions of Ordinance O-2023-06, providing that certain property subject to the Development Agreement entered into by the County and Conduit Street Partners, LLC (CSP) must be conveyed by the property's current owner to the developer thereof, includes the developer's successors and assigns by recognizing and acknowledging the acquisition may be by an affiliate of CSP, to provide for the approval of an Exhibit inadvertently omitted, and matters related thereto (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 09.18.2023; Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 10.02.2023*).**

Mr. Tedder was present to discuss and review this 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the ordinance that was up for consideration by the Council. He noted there was a public hearing tonight on this item. The public hearing for tonight was called to order but there were no comments, so the public hearing closed.

**Motion to approve:** Vice Chairwoman Clark  
**Second:** Councilman Adkins  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

**10. Mike Skinner – Consideration of approval of Addendum #2 Scope and Fee Addition to March 30, 2023, Engagement Letter with Mauldin and Jenkins.**

Mr. Skinner was present to discuss and review this request for the approval of Addendum #2 Scope and Fee Addition to March 30, 2023, Engagement Letter with Mauldin and Jenkins. For information on this presentation the video can be found by going to <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537>.

**Motion to approve this request:** Councilman Kemp  
**Second:** Chairman Sauls  
**Vote:**  
Councilman Kemp – Yes  
Councilman Adkins – No  
Chairman Sauls – Yes  
Vice Chairwoman Clark – No  
Councilman Garbade – No  
The motion failed.

**11. Wanda Simmons – Consideration of Planning Commission Appointments.**

Ms. Simmons was present to discuss and review this request for the consideration of Planning Commission Appointments. She noted that the Planning Commission needs two new Planning Commission Members due to vacancies. She mentioned that there were three applications that were provided to the Council in their E-Packet from 1) Mr. Lee Steven Gramling; 2) Mr. Brent Allen Robinson and 3) Ms. Cathleen DeCourcy. Staff recommended approval of two of the three candidates that were currently proposed to Council for full length 4-year terms.

**Motion to approve Mr. Gramling and Mr. Robinson for the full 4-year term and any unexpired portion of the term they were to fill:** Vice Chairwoman Clark  
**Second:** Councilman Adkins  
**Vote:** Unanimous  
The motion passed.

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**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

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**12. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:30PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.**

Mr. George Lipskey spoke on behalf of Treasurer Skinner noted that they had elected him for this position and asked that Council consider the things he is asking for.

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**13. Administrator's Report** - Mr. Fulghum reviewed his information. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from Council in the Administrator's Report.

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#### CONSENT AGENDA

**Motion to approve except for Item #18 which was removed and tabled:** Vice Chairwoman

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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**14. Russell Wells** – Consideration of Council Approval of Resolution [#R-2023-19](#) declaring certain property to be surplus and authorizing its sale or disposition – Emergency Services Division – Self Contained Breathing Apparatus and Cylinders.

**15. Danny Lucas** – Consideration of Council Approval of Resolution [#R-2023-20](#) approving the Sole Source Procurement of a Lektro Aircraft Tow Vehicle, With Specified Optional Accessories, for Skyblue Aviation FBO, Ridgeland -Claude Dean Airport.

**16. Kim Burgess** – Consideration of Council Approval of the MB Kahn Work authorization for the Coosawhatchie Fire Station.

**17. Kim Burgess** – Consideration of Council Approval for the award of the Robertville HVAC bid for repairs and a request to authorize the County Administrator to execute all documents related thereto.

**18. Russell Wells**- Consideration of Council Approval of Resolution [#R-2023-21](#) approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding Fire Protection and Emergency Services between Jasper County, South Carolina and the Town of Ridgeland, and matters related thereto. *This item was removed from the consent agenda and tabled to the 11.06.2023 meeting.*

**19. Approval of the Minutes of 06.05.2023:**

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#### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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#### **20. Council Members Comments**

Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

**21. Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.** There was no need to return to Executive Session for this meeting. For additional information on this meeting please visit our website for the E-Packet or for the video go to <https://www.youtube.com/@jcmedia6537> .

**22. Adjournment:**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Vice Chairwoman

**Second:** Councilman Adkins

**Vote:** Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

**Respectfully submitted:**



Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council



L. Martin Sauls IV  
Chairman