



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MARCH 5, 2018  
MINUTES**

**Officials Present:** Chairman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV

**Officials Absent:** Councilwoman Barbara Clark

**Staff Present:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Planning Director Lisa Wagner, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, EMS Director Frank Edwards, Project Coordinator Gwen Cooler

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** – Chairman Johnson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**Workshop – Jasper County Library Board of Trustees**

Ms. Kreiling explained that there have been issues with the City of Hardeeville and the Jasper County Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Kreiling said that the Board is responsible for accounting for any funds that are received for the library. She said they have asked for an accounting of the funds received by the City of Hardeeville for the library and she was told that they would have to file a FOIA request. Chairman Johnson asked what the Board wanted the Council to do. Councilman Etheridge said that any funds collected for the library, which falls under the County Library System has to be accounted for and approval of the use of the funds have to go through the Jasper County Library Board of Trustees. Councilman Sauls asked if the Grant Funds were spent and Ms. Kreiling said the Trustees do not know as Hardeeville received the funds. Councilman Sauls said he did not think that the Hardeeville requiring a FOIA request was a very cordial way to handle things. Ms. Kreiling said the Trustees were requesting assistance to resolve the issues. It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Fulghum work with the Trustees and Hardeeville Councilman Spisso to get the issues resolved. Ms. Kreiling asked the Council to read the presentation the Trustees had prepared.

The Workshop ended at 5:45 p.m.

**Executive Session** – Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge 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 – Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – Prospect Update, Jasper Ocean Terminal and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the 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 – Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Pending Claim Levy Volunteer Fire Department, Remaining Old Hospital Property, Helen Pittman vs Jasper County et al. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation** – Councilman Sauls gave the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda** - Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes – 02/05/2015** – Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 02/05/2015. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Presentations and Proclamations** – None.

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

## **Resolutions**

**Andrew Fulghum** - Resolution authorizing the County Council Chairman to execute on behalf of the County of Jasper an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Jasper and the Town of Ridgeland regarding contracting for improvements to be paid out of the local option sales tax referendum of 2016 for the repair and stabilization of James Taylor Drive and authorizing the County Administrator and County Attorney to perform certain tasks related thereto- Mr. Fulghum informed the Council the IGA was for the Town of Ridgeland to receive \$335,000 from the funds of the local option sales tax and they received \$50,000 from JCTAC. This money will be used to stabilize and repair James Taylor Drive. Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to pass the resolution authorizing the County Council Chairman to execute on behalf of the County of Jasper an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Jasper and the Town of Ridgeland regarding contracting for

improvements to be paid out of the local option sales tax referendum of 2016 for the repair and stabilization of James Taylor Drive and authorizing the County Administrator and County Attorney to perform certain tasks related thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### **Ordinances**

**Lisa Wagner – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, Article 12:1, Off Street Parking , so as to change Table 12-1, Minimum Parking Requirements for Sector 53113—Mini-Warehouses-** Ms. Wagner said the purpose of the ordinance was to amend the number of parking spaces. Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, Article 12:1, Off Street Parking , so as to change Table 12-1, Minimum Parking Requirements for Sector 53113—Mini-Warehouses. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Lisa Wagner/ David Tedder -1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by amending (1), Article II of Chapter 25 (*Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*); and (2), amending several Articles of Appendix B, *Land Development Regulations*), including (a), Article 2 (*Applications to Develop or Alter the Use of Land*); (b), Article 3, (*Site Plan Requirements*); (c), Article 4 (*Subdivision Plat Requirements*); (d), Article 7 (*Road Classification and Design Standards*); and (e), Article 8 (*General Subdivision Design Standards*) so as to amend these Articles to remove certain inconsistencies or ambiguities regarding road and drive standards; provide for a better system of processing encroachment permits from the County onto County owned or maintained roads, with related standards for such; to provide for revisions to the ordinance sections providing for private road agreements in subdivisions to ensure adequate funding for maintenance and repair; provide for consistent intersection and curb cut separations; reduce the total number of lots allowed as a Minor Subdivision from ten to four, including the remainder of the original parcel; clarify the prohibition on utilizing serial subdivisions to avoid the requirements for a Major Subdivision; and matters related thereto. Public Hearing will be held on April 2 –** Mr. Tedder that this ordinance was to clear up the inconsistencies and clarify road maintenance in subdivisions. Mr. Tedder said there were some changes regarding minor subdivisions and major subdivisions. Mr. Tedder said the ordinance would be passed on the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and that a public hearing will be held on April 2, 2018. Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to Amend the Jasper County Code of Ordinances by amending (1), Article II of Chapter 25 (*Streets, Sidewalks and Other Public Places*); and (2), amending several Articles of Appendix B, *Land Development Regulations*), including (a), Article 2 (*Applications to Develop or Alter the Use of Land*); (b), Article 3, (*Site Plan Requirements*); (c), Article 4 (*Subdivision Plat Requirements*); (d), Article 7 (*Road Classification and Design Standards*); and (e), Article 8 (*General Subdivision Design Standards*) so as to amend these Articles to remove certain inconsistencies or ambiguities regarding road and drive standards; provide for a better system of processing encroachment permits from the County onto County owned or maintained roads, with related standards for such; to provide for

revisions to the ordinance sections providing for private road agreements in subdivisions to ensure adequate funding for maintenance and repair; provide for consistent intersection and curb cut separations; reduce the total number of lots allowed as a Minor Subdivision from ten to four, including the remainder of the original parcel; clarify the prohibition on utilizing serial subdivisions to avoid the requirements for a Major Subdivision; and matters related thereto. Public Hearing will be held on April 2. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Chairman Johnson announced that the Public Hearing will be held on April 2, 2018.

**David Tedder – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of authority for conducting Municipal Elections in the City of Hardeeville to the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County; to provide for reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County in the conduct of such Municipal Elections; and to provide for other matters relating thereto** – Mr. Tedder said there were some outstanding issues regarding cost and accepting responsibilities of the elections. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of authority for conducting Municipal Elections in the City of Hardeeville to the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County; to provide for the reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by the Board of Voter Registration and Elections of Jasper County in the conduct of such Municipal Elections; and to provide for others relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Lisa Wagner – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance too Amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, Article 9:5.1, Storage and Use of Campers and Recreational Vehicles, so as to amend Article 9:5.1 and to add Article 9:5.1.1, Temporary Emergency Dwelling** – Ms. Wagner said that the ordinance amends and adds a section to the zoning ordinance concerning temporary emergency dwellings. Ms. Wagner said they would have to qualify for this use and there is only to be one dwelling per parcel. Ms. Wagner provided a list of requirements for qualification. Councilman Etheridge said it would only be good for 6 months, but one extension could be approved. Councilman Etheridge asked if sheds could be lived in and Ms. Wagner responded that it would have to meet the code and safety measures. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, Article 9:5.1, Storage and Use of Campers and Recreational Vehicles, so as to amend Article 9:5.1 and to add Article 9:5.1.1, Temporary Emergency Dwelling. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Old Business - None**

**New Business**

**Andrew Fulghum – Professional Services Proposal – Holt Consulting Co., LLC – Terminal Area Design Services** – Mr. Fulghum said that this is for the design of the terminal area which is in

the final stage of the airport project. Mr. Fulghum said that Grady Woods is the architect working on the project. Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the professional service proposal of Holt Consulting Co., LLC for the terminal are design services. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Ronnie Malphrus – Presentation of Recommendations – Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDC’s) for Professional Services** – Mr. Malphrus said the County received 15 proposals and he presented the recommendations for 6 companies. The companies selected were Thomas and Hutton, Grady Woods Architecture, Alan Glassberg Landscape Architect, TDA Surveying, Alliance Consulting and LS3P Architects. Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the Indefinite Delivery Contract for Professional Services as recommended. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Mr. Malphrus said that the County can still use other firms.

**Ronnie Malphrus - Smith Data Contract** – Mr. Malphrus presented the 2018-2019 contracts for forms and supplies for the upcoming tax year. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the contracts. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Councilman Saul – Off Shore Drilling-** Councilman Sauls said there has been a lot of talk about off shore drilling and that it is very detrimental to the environment. Councilman Sauls requested that a resolution against off shore drilling be written. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion that a resolution against off shore drilling be written. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Council Members’ Comments – Councilman Sauls** announced that Jasper on the Move will be held at the Delta Plantation and that Jasper County “State House Day” is on April 24, 2018. **Councilman Etheridge** reported that the EOC has emergency funds for utilities if you qualify. Councilman Etheridge also reported that he attended the SC Rural Summit. The Council all expressed their admiration for Councilman Drayton and that they will miss him.

**Administrator’s Report-** Mr. Fulghum provided the Council with reports from the Planning Commission and the BZA and he provided an update on the Transportation Sales Tax, reviewed a list of upcoming projects.

**Adjourn -** Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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D. J. Johnson  
Chairman

