



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Hardeeville City Hall
May 21, 2018
MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV and Henry Etheridge

Call to Order: Budget Workshop – Solicitor/Public Defender/Detention

Chairman Johnson called the Workshop to order at 5:00 A.M.

Executive Session:

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 2018-M, Jasper Ocean Terminal

Discussion of negotiation incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related 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 advisory situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Section 30-4-70(a)(2) – Fire Contracts, IGA/MOU for Exit 3

Return to Open Session: Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Motion to Return to Open Session. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Planning and Building Lisa Wagner, Director of Maintenance Dale Terry, Project Coordinator Gwen Cooler, Fire Chief Frank Edwards, also attending EMS/FIREFIGHTERS, Garrett Lucas, D. Thompson and Maney Hughes

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilman Etheridge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation: Councilwoman Clark offered the invocation.

Approval of Agenda: Councilman Sauls moved and Councilwoman Clark seconds the Motion to Approve the Agenda. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Approval of Minutes: Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Motion to Defer the Minutes. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Presentation and Proclamations:

Sandy Steele – SCA Update: 2018 very busy in the first quarter with Parker Co being a one million dollar investment creating 16 high skilled jobs; 79 active projects and in April received 28 new projects 16 of those being in Jasper County.

Frank Edwards – Proclamation EMS Week: Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Motion to recognize EMS Week. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

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 thirty minutes.

Chairman Johnson having offered ample opportunity for public comment and receiving none, declares the public hearing portion closed.

Resolutions: None

Ordinance:

Lisa Wagner – 3rd Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 039-00-11-021 from the Residential Zone to the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Motion to approve the 3rd Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 039-00-11-021 from the Residential Zone to the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Andrew Fulghum – 1st Reading and Announcement of Public Hearing date for the Ordinance to approve the Jasper County Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Discussion ensues regarding the Deliberation Schedule with the first public hearing and second reading scheduled for June 4th and second public hearing and third reading scheduled for June 18th, 2018. It was agreed that the School Board requested June 4th to meet with County Council on this. Councilwoman Clark said that the School Board is scheduled to meet with the State prior to this date. Attorney Tedder confirms the Public Hearing has been set for June 4th, 2018 and it has been publically announced at the Workshop.

Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to approve 1st Reading and the Deliberation Schedule with Announcement of Public Hearing date for the Ordinance to approve the Jasper County Budget for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Sandy Steele – Southern Carolina Alliance – Recommendation for the Cypress Ridge (#4) Spec. Building approval of Project Budget related Administrator Authority and other matters related thereto.

Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Motion to authorize the County Administrator to execute the necessary documentation to submit the loan application to Palmetto Electric and Santee Cooper for the Cypress Ridge #4 Spec. Building. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Council Member's Comments:

Councilman Etheridge said he attended the Turkey Hill Solar Farm Workshop and the Joint Hardeeville Fire Service Meeting.

Councilman Sauls said he attended the Joint Hardeeville Fire Service Meeting, the Chamber Board Meeting and the Hospital Board Meeting. He encouraged everyone to vote on June 12th.

Councilwoman Clark attended the Turkey Hill Solar Farm Workshop, the Joint Hardeeville Fire Service Meeting and the Trust meeting with Nicole Smith. She mentioned we should not mind the traffic road checks because the goal is to remove the drugs and DUI's off the streets. She also met with a few people regarding trash by their property, trailers being brought in, and work being done in sheds and houses without property permits. She has already spoken with Ms. Wagner and she will follow-up on that.

Chairman Johnson said he also attended the Turkey Hill Solar Farm Workshop, the Joint Hardeeville Fire Service Meeting. He encouraged people to vote on June 12th and the July and August elections.

Administrator's Report: Mr. Fulghum asked to defer an update on the Airport until the next meeting. No objections given by the Council. Mr. Fulghum continued, saying included in your packet were two items; the Administrator's Report and a progress report provided for information and he will be happy to answer any questions. Chairman Johnson asked in reference to the inquiry received concerning the re-routing or closing of a road, would you send the Council a map. Mr. Fulghum said he certainly will, and he wanted to make Council aware that we just had our first meeting and he would forward the map as soon as it becomes available.

Adjourn: Councilman Sauls moved and Councilwoman Clark seconds the Motion to adjourn. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Bonnie Lawson
Acting Clerk to Council

D. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Chairman