



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY
MAY 07, 2018
MINUTES**

Chairman Johnson Calls the meeting to Order at 4:30 P.M.

Budget Workshop – School Board

Executive Session

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

Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 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 Rabbit, 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) –City of Hardeeville Fire Contract, IGA/MOU for Exit 3, Rivers Reach. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Return to Open Session

Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to return to opens Session. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Lisa Wagner, Director of Planning and Building, Lisa Wagner and Emergency Services and Fire Chief Frank Edwards

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

Invocation – Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda – Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds the Agenda as presented. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Approval of the Minutes – Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the approval to defer the approval of the Minutes. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Presentations and Proclamations

Jackie O'Bannon – Families in Transition is a group of churches, business' and individuals in the region who come together to monitor the homeless population in Jasper County. She passed out to each member an updated Report then summarized the report since the last presentation from this group. The Council thanked Ms. O'Bannon for her presentation and the group efforts to aid the homeless in our County.

Hope Moorer – Savannah Harbor Expansion Project she presented slides giving a very detailed update the status of the Harbor deepening project, since the year 2000, adding that the project will be continuing for an indefinite period of time. She gave the depth of the River at different sites and during the years to date. She also provided the cost estimate during different years in this process. The 2016 cost estimate from the Army Corp of Engineers is 973 Million dollars. The Council thanked Ms. Moorer for her presentation.

Eric Larson – Regional Stormwater Expansion Project he presented slides, Ms. Wagner passed forward papers in regard to water quality, best practices, rate structures and partners being utilized within the State, Counties and municipalities working together instead of duplicating as a separate entity. He enlightened listeners of Local Stormwater Partners, Regional Planning and the SOLOCO Committee who have been working to provide water and protect the environment in hopes of becoming a Regional Stormwater Committee of eight. Consultants are submitting bids. Resources are available so we can get advice and the goal is storm water standardization of our services, if we can do this we can reduce duplication of services; reduce staff needs for each individual community. If we are all working together we can minimize cost of smaller communities that use consultants. BJWSA is a perfect example of what a regional county agency looks like. Discussion ensued between the Council and Mr. Larson then the Council thanked him for his presentation.

Public Comment

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 received no request to speak, closes the public comment period,

Resolutions – None

Ordinances

David Tedder – 3rd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina (the "County") and Waste Management of Georgia, Inc., a company formerly

identified as Project Lee, acting for itself, one or more affiliates and/or other project sponsors (collectively, the “company”), pursuant to which the county shall covenant to accept certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment and/or expansion of certain facilities in the county (the “project”); (2) the benefits of a Multi-County Industrial or Business Park to be made available to the company and the project; (3) certain special source revenue credits in connection with the project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to approve the 3rd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina (the “County”) and Waste Management of Georgia, Inc. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 039-00-11-021 from the Residential Zone to the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Discussion ensued between the Council and Ms. Wagner that the Applicant is requesting rezoning this parcel in hopes to develop and RV Park. The rezoning does not limit the land to only that particular use. This is a public hearing, notices were sent and Ms. Wagner did not receive any comments. Chairman Johnson opens the floor for public comment from any citizen relative to the rezoning of this parcel on Cooks Landing Road.

Chairman Johnson having received no responses after having offered ample opportunity for public comment, declares the public hearing closed and returns to the Agenda.

Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconds the Motion to approve the 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 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.

Old Business - None

New Business

Ronnie Malphrus – Appointment to the State A-Tax Advisory Committee requesting acceptance of the application of Rusty Cooler.

Vice Chairwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds Appointment of Rusty Cooler to the State A-Tax Advisory Committee. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Frank Edwards – Architectural Proposal for Marsh Cove Fire Station requesting approval of the Contract with the Grady Woods Architectural firm in the amount of \$30,500 as presented.

Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconds approval of the Contract with the Grady Woods Architectural firm in the amount of \$30,500 for Marsh Cove Fire Station.

Council Members' Comments

Administrator's Report – Mr. Fulghum said his report was provided for information.

Adjourn – Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Etheridge 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 W. Lawson
Acting Clerk to Council

D. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Chairman