



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government
Building
358 THIRD AVENUE RIDGELAND, SC 29936
JUNE 3, 2019
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Attorney David Tedder, Clerk to Council Amanda Steinmeyer, Director of Planning and Building Lisa Wagner, Sheriff Chris Malphrus, Chief Morris, Executive Administrative Assistant Tisha Williams, Director of Administrative Services Kim Burgess, Coordinator of Planning and Zoning Bonnie Lawson

Workshop called to Order by Chairman Johnson at approximately 4:05 P.M.

The first item of business came from Jasper County's Sheriff Office. Sheriff Chris Malphrus stated he felt like we were about 10 years behind where we were supposed to be. He wanted 1) to be heard on what he had to say and 2) make a safer community with budget increases.

He stated the call volume had increased 1,000% in the last ten years. The sheriff's department takes 65-75-calls a day.

He asked for a detective and 2 road deputies. They currently have 41 full time deputies.

Councilman Brantley asked what he meant when he said "something has to give". The Sheriff asked the Council to come out with them on a Friday night and observe.

Councilman Brantley inquired whether the Sheriff's office had anyone serving as highway patrolmen to which the Sheriff replied "No". The Sheriff said through aggressive patrolling, the numbers have gone up and they are not trying to be anything other than patrolmen.

Councilman Brantley asked if they kept up with the number of speeding tickets the deputies write and the Sheriff responded that they do keep all records of all tickets, warnings and warrants.

Councilman Etheridge asked if there was any possibility of providing grants for others?

Chairperson Johnson asked to what extent does the CATE program overlap with the ACE program. The Superintendent answered that there will not be an overlap and it shouldn't provide more options for students.

Councilwoman Clark thanked the school district for what they had done in 10 months that hadn't been done in 10 years. Councilwoman Clark did observe that the Superintendent had to dismiss classes because of the heat and that she was glad to see change in light and heat.

Councilwoman Clark also commended the Superintendent on the best graduation in Jasper County in a long time.

Councilman Etheridge asked if the school board was working with the school district and the reply was "yes".

4:45 – General Discussion

There were several changes to the budget since the first reading, in order to provide for a Quick Response Vehicle and a fully-outfitted vehicle for the Code Enforcement Officer. The changes were as follows:

Additional funds to Fire/Rescue for a fully equipped Quick Response Vehicle	\$100,000
Added funds to the Sheriff Department to fully equipped vehicle for the Code Enforcement Officer:	\$26,500
Reduced the New Vehicle line item in Administration	(\$5000)
Reduced the following line items in interdepartmental:	
Utilities	(\$9,000)
Postage	(\$15,000)
Website Services	(\$20,000)
Contractual Services	(\$77,500)
Net difference to budget	0

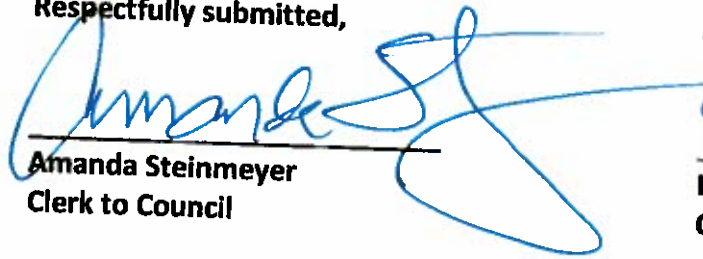
Councilman Sauls asked the total budget amount for the Community Paramedic. The response was \$185,000 which consists of \$72,000 for the Paramedic and \$113,000 for the Quick Response Vehicle.

Councilman Curtis noted that the total budget was the same as that of the first reading.

Council Sauls motioned that they go into executive session. Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

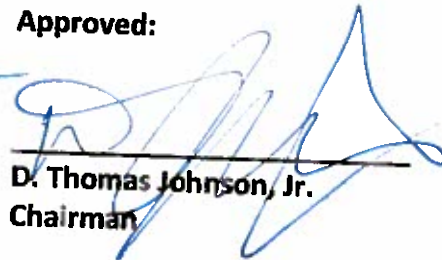
Workshop adjourned at approximately 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



**Amanda Steinmeyer
Clerk to Council**

Approved:



**D. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Chairman**