



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney  
Government Building  
358 THIRD AVENUE RIDGELAND, SC 29936**

**JULY 15, 2019  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Officials Present: Vice-Chairman Etheridge, Councilwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman L. Martin Sauls, IV and Councilman Curtis Brantley. Chairman D. Thomas Johnson was running a few minutes late but arrived shortly after the meeting started.**

**Vice-Chairman Etheridge called the meeting to Order at approximately 5:35 P.M.**

**Councilman Sauls made a motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded it to go into executive session. The motion passed with all Council members present voting.**

#### **Executive Session**

**SECTION 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly.**

- (a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:**
- (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 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) – [Dispatch Contract, Tax Collection, Election Expense/Machines, Exit 3, Able Construction/Recycling](#)**
  - (3) 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 – Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – [Jasper Ocean Terminal \(JOT\), Prospect Update/Sherwood Tract](#)**

6:30 p.m.

**Return to Open Session in Council Chambers**

**Staff Present:** Administrative Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Attorney David Tedder, Clerk to Council Amanda Steinmeyer, Director of Planning and Building Lisa Wagner, Chief Frank Edwards, and Director of Administrative Services Kim Burgess

**Chairman Johnson asked if there were any possible action on Items discussed in Executive Session.**

**Councilwoman Clark made a motion and Councilman Sauls seconded it to approve the Resolution in favor of the MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for Exit 3. The motion passed with all council members voting.**

**Chairman Johnson asked Councilman Sauls to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Chairman Johnson asked Councilman Brantley to lead in the Invocation.**

**Chairman Johnson then called upon our able Probate Judge for the swearing in of our Newly Elected Auditor Monica Wilson.**

**Councilman Sauls made the motion and Councilman Etheridge seconded it to approve the Agenda. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

**Councilman Etheridge made the motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to approve the May 14, 2019 Joint Workshop with the Jasper County Planning Commission; June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting; and July 1, 2019 Regular Meeting minutes. The motion was Approved with all Council members voting.**

**Presentations and Proclamations**

**Chairman Johnson next recognized Queen Quet and called for a Motion to Recognize by Proclamation the week of of July 27 – August 4, 2019 as Gullah-Geechee National Appreciation Week in Jasper County and encourage its citizens to participate in educational activities aimed at increasing both knowledge and appreciation of this rich culture.**

**Councilman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve this Proclamation. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

**Chairman Johnson next opened the 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.**

Chairman Johnson first called on William Young. He explained that he is a resident of Beaufort County and is here complaining about the impact of Able Contractors on Schinger Road. The stench from that facility is unbearable. He thinks they need quality assurance of what all is being brought into this area. The demolition is being investigated by Quality Control but there has been no groundwater testing. The stench is spreading across the county lines into Jasper County and he wanted to make Jasper County aware of it. The site is located in Pearlsteam in Cherry Point.

Chairman Johnson next recognized Alex Pinckney. Mr. Pinckney said he was coming as a citizen of Hardeeville regarding the mobile home ordinance. He thinks the ordinance should allow 2 mobile homes on 1 lot. The staff was proposing 1 home on 1 lot but he said that this is a crucial issue and he pleaded with Council to at least keep 2 mobile homes on one lot.

Chairman Johnson then called on Earl Bostick. Mr. Bostick said he was there as a concerned citizen as well as a member of the Planning Committee here to ask Council to consider giving mobile homes the same rights and privileges as stick built homes. They need to allow at least 2 mobile homes on 1 lot to have affordable housing.

Chairman Johnson next called on David Spisso. He stated that he was there as a citizen of Hardeeville and not as a council member. He thinks it is about time that they reached a dispatch agreement. He has heard that there has been a lot of talking back and forth but no agreement has been reached. He saw the issue was on the executive session agenda for discussion but Council still said nothing about it.

Chairman Johnson finally recognized Luvenia Youmans. She first stated that she concurred with what had been said about the mobile homes. But she was primarily here to extend an invitation to Council to attend the Pocatigo/Point South Festival which is being held on August 22 – 24, 2019 and there are a lot of events going on.

#### **Resolutions**

The resolution on the agenda has already been resolved as a result of a motion coming out of executive session and the Resolution approving Exit 3 Memorandum of Understanding (MOA).

#### **Ordinances**

The first presentation was by David Tedder having the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading on an ordinance amending the Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual relating to disaster pay and other matters related thereto in accordance with Section 2-67 of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances. (Public hearing to be held August 19, 2019)

Mr. Tedder explained with the hurricane season approaching, he felt it was necessary to have procedures in place so that we have the documents to get FEMA reimbursement to include operational shut-down leave and disaster fee procedures.

**Councilman Sauls moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the second reading of this ordinance. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

Next David Tedder was called on to reconsider the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of an Ordinance but he first needed a motion to do so.

**Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded a motion to suspend the rules as provided in Section 2-39 as a councilman who voted on the supporting side of the ordinance so as to amend Section 9-84A to substitute corrected exhibits. The motion passed with all Council members present voting.**

David Tedder asked to substitute a revised Cherry Point Fire District map to correct the parcels of land included in the original ordinance.

**Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to substitute the proper exhibits. The motion passed with all council members voting.**

#### **New Business**

Chairman Johnson called on Frank Edwards who was there asking for Council to approve a Marsh Cove Addendum. This would be an Environmental Assessment approval of a Contract Addendum with Thomas and Hutton in the amount of \$3250.00 to conduct environmental engineering consulting services at the Marsh Cove fire station site as additional work required for the USDA Loan application.

**Councilman Sauls made a motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded it to approve this contract addendum as presented. The motion passed with all Council members present voting.**

Chairman Johnson then called on Kimberly Burgess for a Bid Award for Water Sewer for Sergeant Jasper Park.

Ms. Burgess explained that they put this project out for bids and they received two bids. The lowest bidder was by D.P. Lowther Construction Company in the amount of \$53,750 and she recommended that this bid be approved.

**Councilman Sauls made a motion and Councilman Etheridge seconded it to approve this bid as presented. The motion passed with all council members voting.**

Chairman Johnson then recognized Administrator Andrew Fulghum for the presentation of Work Authorization # 15 for Professional Services with Holt Consulting Co, LLC for the Ridgeland/Claude Dean Airport.

Mr. Fulghum explained that this was the new runway program for phases 3 and 4 of the repackaging and bidding. It will also include a grant application package to be prepared. The total cost was \$47,426.00.

Councilman Sauls moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the allowance of this work authorization #15 as presented. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

Chairman Johnson next called on Kimberly Burgess for the presentation of proposals for the Disaster Food Service.

Ms. Burgess stated they had advertised for proposals for feeding services during disaster events. Two proposals were received in a timely manner but it was determined that neither of them were in the best interest of Jasper County. She was requesting that both proposals be rejected so they could begin negotiations with local providers.

Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the motion to disregard these bids so that negotiations could begin with local providers. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

Chairman Johnson then recognized Frank Edwards for the approval of a contract addendum with D.P. Lowther Construction in the amount of \$84,847.00 for the installation of a fire sprinkler system at the Mead Road Fire Station and for additional work to meet the requirements as established by the Fire Marshall to meet the Fire Prevention Code.

Councilman Sauls made a motion and Councilman Etheridge seconded it for the approval of this contract addendum. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

#### Old Business

Chairman Johnson then recognized that he and Councilman Brantley need to make their appointment of two members to the Jasper County Aeronautics Commission. Councilman Brantley appointed Leroy Bentley and Chairman Johnson appointed Ashton Dailey.

#### Council Members Comments

Councilman Sauls said that he went last week to the Executive Committee Meeting in Hampton where the main topic was the \$8 million dollar appropriation to the budget for the Jasper County Port Authority.

He also noted that the Morris Center Event was coming up.

Councilwoman Clark said she had been to the regional drug free force meeting.

She also went to the last Transportation Committee Meeting and they still need \$28,000 for the widening of Highway 17.

Councilman Brantley continued to request that the agendas go out by Wednesday and no later than Thursday so that they can have informed meetings.

Councilman Etheridge said he also went to the Transportation Committee Meeting.

He went to the Jasper County Legislative Delegation Meeting where the Congaree Golf Club was the major topic.

They hope to host the President's Golf Tournament at Congaree by 2025 and that is a big deal.

Chairman Johnson stated that he would be going to tomorrow's meeting about ports.

Chairman Johnson then called on Andrew Fulghum for the Administrator's Report.

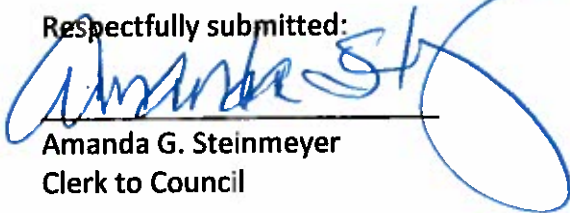
Administrator Fulghum stated that the assessment and planning project for the Jasper County Law Enforcement Center went very well.

He said the association of counties legislative policy is in full run and if there are any issues the Council will like addressed the deadline is August 12, 2019.

He finally announced that we had an employee who is recognizing her 20 years of employment with the County today and that was Lisa Wagner whom everyone applauded.

Councilwoman Clark made a motion and Councilman Sauls seconded it to Adjourn. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

Respectfully submitted:

  
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Amanda G. Steinmeyer  
Clerk to Council

Approved:

  
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D. Thomas Johnson  
Chairman