



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
HARDEEVILLE CITY HALL  
205 MAIN STREET HARDEEVILLE, SC 29927  
May 20, 2019  
COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance in unison**

**Invocation**

**Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the Motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed with all Council members present voting.**

**Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Sauls seconded the Motion to approve the Minutes of February 19, 2019; March 4, 2019; and May 13, 2019. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

**Presentations and Proclamations**

**Chief Frank Edwards presented a Proclamation for the approval of the week of May 19 – 25, 2019 as Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week.**

**Councilman Etheridge made the Motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to approve this. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

**Chairman Johnson 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 recognized John Kemp. Mr. Kemp first wanted to clarify that on the Cherry Point Agreement that it was for Fires and not EMS.

He next conveyed that he was disappointed in the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance on the budget when nothing had been presented yet.

Finally, he complained that there was nothing about Project Silver on the website.

Chairman Johnson next recognized David Spisso who was there to ask how to get lower taxes.

#### **Resolutions**

Sandy Steele on behalf of Southern Care Alliance was there to get an inducement Resolution Setting Forth the Commitment of Jasper County, South Carolina to Project Silver, Whereby, Under Certain Conditions, Jasper County will provide certain Economic Development Incentives; and Other Matters Related Thereto.

She explained that they were asking for the donation from Jasper County of 1 acre of land.

Councilman Sauls asked if this had been under a confidentiality agreement to which she responded that she thought it had. Councilman Sauls then stated this is why there had been nothing on the website.

This project is a 1,745,000 investment and will bring 14 full time jobs into Jasper County.

#### **Ordinances**

Chairman Johnson called on Lisa Wagner who presented a Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 038-00-06-045 from the Community Commercial Zone and Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

She explained that this was 2.91 acres at 35 McDowell Circle and that it was previously used as the Apollo Club. They were asking for the whole property to be rezoned.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor for a public hearing. There were no comments so he closed the public hearing.

Councilman Etheridge made a motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded it pass the second reading of this ordinance. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

Chairman Johnson next called on Sandy Steele.

Sandy Steele presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (By Title only) of an Ordinance Authorizing The Granting By Jasper County of Certain Economic Development Incentives to Project Silver,

**Under Certain Conditions, Including the Conveyance of a Parcel of Land, to Promote Economic Development in Jasper County; and Other Matters Relating Thereto.**

**She explained that this was to solidify the donation of 1 acre of land by Jasper County to Project Silver.**

**Councilman Sauls made a motion and Councilman Etheridge seconded it to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> first reading of this Ordinance by Title only. The motion passed with all council members voting.**

**Chairman Johnson next called on Andrew Fulghum for the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading (By Title only) of an Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget.**

**Mr. Fulghum explained that staff had been busy preparing a budget memo to give to Council as a starting point and they were willing to work with Council to make any necessary changes.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and public hearing would be held on June 3, 2019 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on June 17, 2019.**

**Councilman Etheridge made a motion and Councilwoman Clark seconded it to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading (By Title Only) of this Ordinance Adopting the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget. The motion passed with all council members present voting.**

**There was no New Business.**

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**Chairman Johnson called for Council Members Comments.**

**He first called on Councilman Brantley who passed.**

**He next called on Councilman Etheridge who said the special called meeting went well.**

**Chairman Johnson next called on Councilman Sauls who stated he attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Ridgeland Fire Station.**

**He also attended the Joint Planning Commission meeting and they were working on a litter control plan.**

**Chairman Johnson next called on Councilwoman Clark.**

**She stated she had attended the Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission as well.**

**She noted that May was graduation month.**

**Chairman Johnson passed.**

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

He stating he was continuing to establish formal County goals and that he has established some and Councilman Brantley has also added one.

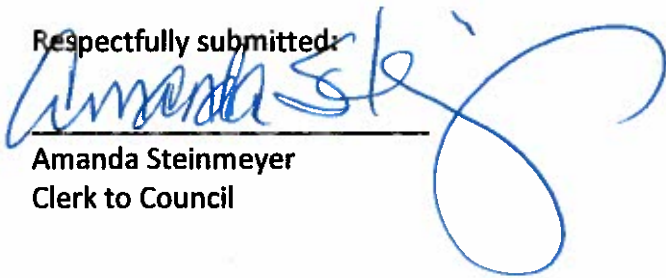
Administrator Fulghum's goals were:

- 1) To Effectively Manage Growth within the County.
- 2) To Ensure that Public Safety Services meet the future needs of the County.
- 3) To Refresh the County's Long-Term Financial Strategy.

He stated that Councilman Brantley had added to plan diligently and aggressively to diversify employment in all county departments on all levels in a timely manner.

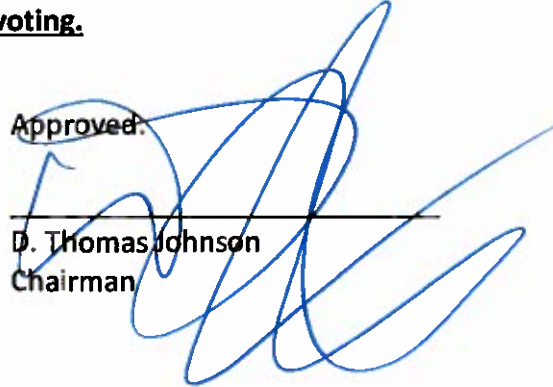
Councilwoman Clark made a motion and Council Etheridge seconded it to adjourn. The motion passed with all council members present voting.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Steinmeyer  
Clerk to Council

Approved:



D. Thomas Johnson  
Chairman