



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government
Building
358 THIRD AVENUE RIDGELAND, SC 29936
JUNE 17, 2019
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6:30 P.M.

Officials Present: Chairman D. Thomas Johnson, Vice Chairman Henry Etheridge, and Councilwoman Barbara Clark

Staff Present: David Tedder, Lisa Wagner, Andrew Fulghum, Amanda Steinmeyer

Hearings called to Order by Chairman Johnson at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Johnson asked that the record reflect that due to a computer error or something, we have postponed everything except the two public hearings until tomorrow at which time we will re-open the hearings if necessary.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairwoman Clark.

Invocation was led by Councilman Etheridge.

Chairman Johnson opened the hearing to the public first to an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-00-03-043 from the General Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.

Lisa Wagner presented a short presentation that this was regarding the property at 208 Schinger Avenue and the property was posted with a notice of public hearing sign and properties located within 500 feet were notified of the public hearing.

Chairman Johnson called upon any member of the public to comment on this rezoning.

Hearing no comment, Chairman Johnson declared this public hearing adjourned until it is re-opened tomorrow.

Chairman Johnson then declared a public hearing open regarding changing the geographic limits of the Cherry Point Fire District and called upon David Tedder to give a brief explanation thereof.

This was a public hearing on an ordinance to amend Section 9-84A, Geographic Limits of the Cherry Point Fire District, -as contained in Article IV of Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances of

Jasper County, South Carolina, to reflect removal, additions, and clarifications as to the lands contained in the Cherry Point Fire Protection District, and matters related thereto.

Mr. Tedder explained that over the years, the map has never been reformed to show all the annexations into the City of Hardeeville or to provide a set listing of all the tax parcels. What this ordinance does is creates a list of each parcel that is still within the Cherry Point Fire District so that it can be tracked easier.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to public comments.

Chairman Johnson recognized Mr. David Spisso. Mr. Spisso wanted to be assured that the property listings had been verified by staff and that those properties annexed would no longer have to pay a fire prevention tax.

Mr. Tedder responded that once the property was annexed, it was removed from the tax billings by the County so that it was removed from the roll but the map was not changed. What this map does is create a listing of those properties that remain.

Mr. Spisso stated that he hoped that in the future this would prevent any confusion of what responsibilities the Cherry Point Fire District had.

Chairman Johnson next recognized John Kemp. Mr. Kemp just had the question of whether every time Hardeeville annexes something, do you have to have a public hearing.

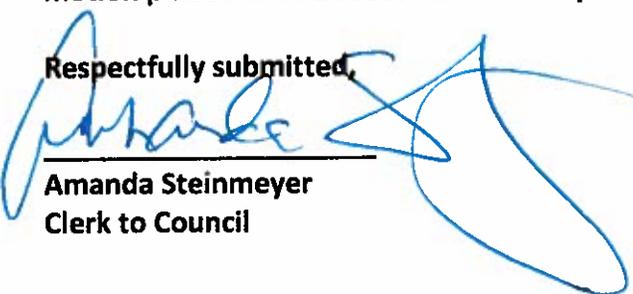
Chairman Johnson explained that this is the first public hearing we have had a public hearing since the Cherry Point Fire District was created so this was probably long overdue but that no, you wouldn't do every time there was an annexation because that would be overkill. The treasurer takes it off every time there is an annexation but you don't have a hearing.

Mr. Kemp said there must be an easier way to do things than have an ordinance, three readings and a public hearing to which Chairman Johnson replied that this may be overkill, but it was deemed necessary.

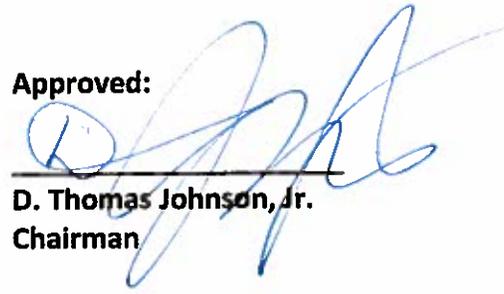
Chairman Johnson called for further comments and having heard none, declared the public hearing closed for the night to reconvene tomorrow night.

Councilman Etheridge made a motion to adjourn and Chairwoman Clark seconded. The motion passed with all councilmembers present voting.

Respectfully submitted,


Amanda Steinmeyer
Clerk to Council

Approved:


D. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Chairman