



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 19, 2019
MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Amanda Steinmeyer, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Planning and Building, Lisa Wagner, Director of Emergency Management Services Chief Frank Edwards, Economic Development Coordinator Danny Lucas

Executive Session

Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing. – Clerk to Council, County Attorney, County Administrator

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) – Magistrate’s Office, Dispatch Contract, Tax Collection, River’s Reach, Sherwood Plantation; Property located at 1892 Malphrus Road, Ridgeland, S.C.; Able Contracting

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

Return to Open Session at approximately 6:30 P.M.

Councilman Sauls made a motion to come out of Executive Session, Vice Chairman Etheridge seconds the motion. All members present voted in favor with the motion passing to come out of Executive Session.

Chairman Johnson asked if there are any matters to be brought forward from Executive Session.

Councilman Sauls made a motion to Authorize the County Administrator to execute a modification of the November 2016 Sherwood Tract Facilitation Agreement, so as to delay repayment of the funds provided

by the County under that agreement until the property is sold to a developer, as part of the initiative package or expiration of the option agreement whichever occurs first. Chairman Johnson asked for a Motion, Councilman Sauls moves and Councilwoman Clark seconds the motion. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Sauls and all in attendance

Invocation given by Councilwoman Clark

Approval of Agenda

Council Member's Comments on Agenda

Chairman Johnson stated the reason there are only (3) Readings on an Item, means that Jasper County Council would like to remain in correlation with the State's statue as well as give the public the opportunity of a Public Hearing for Jasper County Citizens to voice their concerns on a particular Agenda Item. The passing of an Item from the Agenda can take 2-3 months, as everything must be properly examined not just by the Council, but by the developers of projects as well as the citizens of Jasper County.

Councilman Brantley stated that extended 16B which was not in the packet for Council, he would like for the Item in question be tabled as it's not an appropriate understanding of the community of which the County Council represents and believes that it's in the best interest of Council to honor the community's wishes.

Vice Chairman Etheridge stated that he's in agreement with Councilman Brantley in part of tabling part of Agenda Item XVI – B but not the public hearing portion as it is the main reason for tonight's council meeting. Vice Chair Etheridge reiterated Chairman Johnson's sentiments on the process of each Ordinance reading and advised those who were in attendance that were upset to be in remembrance that once an Ordinance goes to 3rd Reading is the time to truly be upset as that's when an item would be passed, and that usually at the 2nd Reading is when the Public hearings are to be held and final changes to an Ordinance can be made.

Councilman Sauls thanked the Planning Commission for putting a lot of work and effort into the Manufactured Housing Ordinance, as there's still a lot of work to be done. The law of unintended consequences is tricky and the Council and Planning Commission must get it "right" as it is a sensitive issues and affects people's lives. Many who have property would like to be able to leave their property to their children or deed them some property to build a home on – heirs property, so it's important for those in position to be sensitive to that. Councilman Sauls stated that he doesn't have all the answers, however he looks to the people of the County and the planning Commission to help in aiding to what's best for the Communities and that he has open ears for all suggestions.

Councilwoman Clark reiterated what all the Council members have stated regarding that it is in fact a process and if you do not know the process, than of course you will become upset. The recommendations comes before the Council by way of the Planning Commissioners, Council performs the 1st Reading of an Ordinance to be able to start working on the "project/recommendation" at hand. The next steps are two remaining Readings of the Ordinance in which case is where the County Council will do their due diligence to work to get things in Order or in better condition for the community. Councilwoman Clark stated that

no one is there to “take anyone’s land” as it as stated via social media. Councilwoman Clark stated that you can be angry but it must be done in an orderly fashion and ask that the Community bares with the Council as the 2nd and 3rd Readings are going forward.

Chairman Johnson stated that this has nothing to do with the division of property as nothing will or have changed. The issue was that many people/business people were crowding mobile homes on one piece of property as they could and getting away with it and many citizens were complaining about the overcrowding and the fact that mobiles homes were being brought in from Beaufort County into Jasper County.

Staff Presentations

Lisa Wagner – Manufactured Housing

Ms. Wagner put together a power point presentation for those in attendance. Ms. Wagner stated that Manufactured Homes are governed by the HUD code although in South Carolina, the Manufactured Housing Board is the responsible agency for licensing, installation standards and enforcement. Manufactured Homes are constructed according to the Federal HUD code and therefore are preempted from any local jurisdiction, adopting changes to the construction of a manufacture house. Ms. Wagner stated proper acres that are needed to place a mobile home property. Some of the issues the Planning Department are experiencing which prompted the Planning Commission to get involved are illegal mobile homes parks, manufactured homes that are not meeting habitability standards, manufactured homes that are being brought into the County without proper permits, inadequate infrastructure which poses a real challenge to Jasper County Emergency Services as far as saving property and life and showed a 1974 mobile home that they could not and would not permit. The person acquired the property through tax sale, but the mobile home was still on the property and the owner of that mobile home never took possession the mobile. The new property owner decided to repair the mobile home but it’s unsafe to live in so the Planning and zoning department condemned the home. Ms. Wagner showed (2) illegal mobile home parks in Jasper County of which they found out that more than two structures were sharing the same well and it’s unsafe according to SCDHEC. Ms. Wagner advised the Planning Commission are working on additional language to allow heirs property and proper mobile home standards.

Councilman Brantley inquired from Ms. Wagner if someone has five acres of land in effect, could they put up ten mobile home units. Ms. Wagner stated that they could, if they went through the mobile home park process, which means they would need to come into the Planning Commission and walk through the process.

Andrew Fulghum – Able Contracting Fire

Mr. Fulghum presented a power point of events concerning the Able Recycling fire. Mr. Fulghum stated that in 2008 the facility operated as a legal use for concrete/recycling facility. In 2013-4014 while using a County zoning Certificate, Able applied to DHEC to become a Recovered Material Processing Facility. In 2016, the County Planning and Zoning department determine a portion of the property was being used for a portalet business, sited and taken to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission then imposed new condition for both, including screening and restricting area to be used for recycling. In July 2016, Able had not screened the site and did not timely submit engineering plans. The County Staff became concerned

with the height of the pile. The County Staff then met with the City of Hardeeville, DHEC, the Owner and his Counsel. In July 2017, upon visiting the Site, there was zero progress made by the Owner and Jasper County Officials became concerned about combustibility of the pile along with the height of the pile. A volumetric Survey of the Site was performed and it was discovered that the pile was 114 feet tall at it's peak and was composed of 104,000 cubic yards. In August 2017, Able Recycling was declared a Nuisance based upon updated County Ordinances and Mitigation plan requested. From August 2017 to May 2019 the Mitigation plan was delayed due to the possible impacts of pending Legislation and disputes concerting the application of certain codes. The Mitigation plan contained screening requirements and volume, height, and financial security requirements mirroring the Legislation. County Staff learned from DHEC that there would be a delay in implementing the financial securities from the Legislature. There was a voluntary agreement for Able to bring the height of the pile down of which during this period, the height was reduced to 60 feet. In June 2019, negotiations continued to the absence of State Regulations while Able kept asking for a Zoning Certificate for their May Application to DHEC. The County would not approve a Zoning Certificate, because there was no Mitigation and DHEC did not approve an Operation Permit due to lack of Zoning Compliance. Roughly four days later, the County was notified that smoke was coming form the trash pile and the City of Hardeeville was providing fire suppression. On July 1, 2019, Jasper County Fire Rescue assumed fire protection in the area, as Able was providing it's own fire suppression. County Officials were concerned about the "runoff" from that fire suppression effort and contacted DHEC. County Officials, DHEC, and other agencies engaged through DHEC created a multi-disciplinary approach to address the issues with the site. From July 1 through July 25, 2019 there were numerous calls, face to face meetings and site visits with DHEC that prompted DHEC to bring in the EPA. DHEC initiated testing and the results revealed there was potential danger to immediate residents. Able abandoned it's fire suppression efforts. DHEC issued an Emergency Order prompting the County to declare a Local Emergency. Able appealed DHEC's Emergency Order. In the absence of having a plan to provide space to the nearby residents, County Officials made the decision to provide temporary placement to those immediately affected in the area. From July 25, 2019 through August 15, 2019 while still awaiting the EPA's test results, all parties involved in the multi-disciplinary effort met thus prompting the County to extend the living arrangements for anther week. Mobilization and clean-up of the site began a week ago. EPA is on-site and has assured extinguishment efforts at their cost. Ms. Lisa Wagner also volunteered to step out to speak with Residents. Mr. Fulghum also called up Matt of EPA.

Matt stated that the support of the Jasper Fire and Rescue have been tremendous in responding to fire fighter efforts. EPA removed 300 tons of waste on Sunday and try to address any smoking materials, also on Monday August 19, 2019 the EPA removed 600 tons of waste from the site as it will be continue to be a daily effort as they are sensitive to the community There are moving upwards of 100 trucks per day leaving the site during the week days and are aware that it's causing traffic on 170. EPA have an enormous amount of support from business owners and they have even offered the EPA space and places to stay and have their meetings. Primary objective is to extinguish the fire and to avoid any reignition adding that it may take several weeks and the cost of the efforts are \$125,000,000.

Councilman Sauls thanked the EPA for their hard work and being the lead in the clean-up. Councilman Sauls stated that he's had several questions being asked with one being, will the business owner receive some sort of penalty for causing this issue at hand. Matt advised that the answer is outside of his department as he's just an emergency response personnel and that it would be addressed at the state level. Matt advised that there are air monitoring/sensors placed by the school as well as close to other areas and so far over the last few days the air quality have been very good. Councilman Sauls recommended residents download and sign up for NIXEL to stay on top of the status of removal.

Approval of the Minutes – April 15, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 20, 2019; July 15, 2019

Councilman Sauls moved and Vice Chairman Etheridge seconds the Motion to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2019; May 6, 2019; May 20, 2019 and July 15, 2019. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting.

Presentations and Proclamations

Chief Frank Edwards – Proclamation Recognizing Levy Volunteer Fire Chief Doug Graham

Chairman Johnson indicated to Chief Edwards that he did not see any attachment or anything concerning the Presentation as Chief Edwards advised that he wasn't contacted by Mr. Graham stating that he would not be present and added that an emergency must have come up.

Nickie Toomes – USDA Loan Approval for Marsh Cove Fire Station

Ms. Toomes, Area specialist with US Rural Development presented the Letter of Conditions regarding the Approval for the Marsh Cover Fire Department. The Community facilities loan amount is \$1,308,200.00 that's part of a whole project. The Community Facility Loan is proposed to be a part of the project and all funds will be partnered with CDGB Block Grant of which the County has already received for the fire station in the amount of \$500,000 and USDA Rural is very happy to be partnering with the project. Page two of the Letter of Conditions is the outline of the project budget, the total proposed Cost of the project will be \$1,808,200.00 of that will be CDBG grant of \$500,000.00 and then USDA Rural loan of \$1,308,200.00. The Interest rate is 3.5% fixed - 30 Years with 3 years Interest Only, once passed the Interest only the payment will be \$75,693.00 a year for the remainder of the term of the loan and there is no prepayment of the loan.

Councilman Sauls thanked Ms. Toomes for working with the LCOG and the County in efforts to help the Community. Councilman Sauls moved to accept the Letter of Conditions as Councilwoman second the motion. All members present voted in favor and the motion passes.

Andrew Fulghum – Presentation of Certificate of Achievement in Financial Reporting to Kim Burgess

Mr. Fulghum stated that the County have received a Certificate of Achievement from the Government Finance Officers Association and it goes to the individual who works to organize CAFR (which is the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report). Mr. Fulghum believes that that County have received this award possibly fifteen years and Ms. Kim Burgess is being awarded the Certificate of Achievement as this is her first year with the County and performing very well to receive such award and go the County through such a Stellar Audit.

Open 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 opens the floor to the Public.

Mr. Dwight Heyward

Mr. Heyward inquired from the County Council if Jasper County could bring more jobs to the County of which Councilwoman Clark and Councilman Sauls stated the County is trying. Mr. Heyward advised that it

would be so helpful as many residents wouldn't need to travel so far to Beaufort County and other areas for employment and if something could be done about the highways in Pineland adding that they are in terrible condition.

Mr. Maurice Lawyer

Mr. Lawyer inquired about the Fair Housing Act and is there going to be information regarding loans for people in the area to learn about smart lending and what's going to be done about the crime rate in the community and is there a plan in place to support the Sheriff in the Community. Chairman Johnson added that he could not answer a question in the forum and Mr. Lawyer stated that he could pose his question into a Statement.

Ms. Ruby Dupont

Ms. Dupont advised that she lives off of 462 and saw the Able Fire and inquired where is the trash pile moving to as it's being moved from one part of the community to another part.

Chairman Johnson closes the floor to the Public.

Resolutions

Danny Lucas – Resolution Supporting the 2020 Census

Mr. Lucas asks the County Council to Support the 2020 Census in the form of the Resolution as well as to become a partner in the Complete Count Committee if they agree to form one and partner with the US 2020 Census. Mr. Lucas added that it's very important to participate in the US Census and we could lost a large amount of participation as Jasper County ranked very low in the last Census and hopes that it would be better participation instead of the 68% that the County received.

Vice Chairman Etheridge moved and Councilman Brantley seconds the Motion to approve the Resolution. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of Supporting the 2020 Census.

Danny Lucas – Resolution Authorizing the Formation of a Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census

Mr. Lucas asked County Council to create the Complete Count Committee for the 2020 Census and follow the directives in the Resolutions there will be eleven members in the Committee.

Vice Chairman Etheridge moved and Councilman Sauls seconds the Motion to approve the Resolution. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting in favor of Supporting the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

Andrew Fulghum – Resolution Supporting Congaree's Bid for the 2025 Presidential Cup

Mr. Fulghum stated that there is an Application to host the Presidents Cup in 2025 and is respectfully requesting the County Council adoption of the Support Resolution so that it could be sent to the appropriate parties.

Vice Chairman Etheridge moves and Councilwoman Clark seconds the motion The motion passes with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder – Resolution Ratifying Declaration of Local Emergency

Mr. Tedder stated to Council that as they know of the Able Recycling Center situation caused DHEC to declare a Local Emergency on August 1, 2019. The following day the County felt it prudent to enact their own emergency operations plan in having a Declaration of Local Emergency so that the County would have the authority to move swiftly as needed including arranging for temporary housing for the residents residing near the area, in which it was done under the authority signed. Mr. Tedder is asking for the Council to ratify the actions taken by the Chairman and the Administration permitting that local which continues in effect while DHEC and EPA are on-site

Councilman Sauls moves and Councilwoman Clark seconds the motion. The motion passes with all members present voting in favor.

Ordinances

David Tedder – Public Hearing and Consideration of a 3rd reading of 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

Mr. Tedder stated that this is a clean up of Ordinance to make certain that in case of natural disaster or other local emergency the County could qualify for reimbursement of our Emergency responders and others from FEMA, this Ordinance just clarifies when County employees go on disaster pay. Mr. Tedder is asking that the Disaster Pay Procedure be approved so that the codes could be modified to get full reimbursement.

Chairman Johnson opened the floor to Public Hearing. No one signed up for Public Comment.

Chairman Johnson closes the floor for Public Comment.

Vice Chairman Etheridge moved as Councilman Sauls seconds the motion with all members present voting in favor.

Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and Consideration of 2nd reading of an Ordinance to amend Article 6:1, Permitted Uses and Conditional Uses – Table 1 and Article 12:9,1, Manufactured Housing, of the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, to add additional requirements for Manufactured Housing.

Ms. Wagner advised that the Original 1st Reading was done in July 1, 2018 and the Public Hearing was held August 19, 2019. The Ordinance is to amend the age requirements on Manufactured Housing to June 1994 for permitting purposes. There will be a maximum penalty for those who move manufactured houses without proper permitting which includes transporters. A revised Ordinance was presented to the Planning Commission on their September 10, 2019, approximately 10 Citizens were present to voice their concerns

Chairman Johnson asked the public if anyone needed to speak on it.

James Williams

Mr. Williams left

Alex Pinckney – Member of the Planning Commission

Mr. Pinckney advised that he wanted to clear up a misunderstanding regarding the 25 acres that was printed in the paper. It's a parcel, a lot on one deed is not subdivided that was proposed on one house. Ms. Wagner recommended in her last closing that the Ordinance go back to the Planning Commission to look at provision for those who have heirs' property. Along the I-95 quarter there is a lot of heirs' property and the County doesn't have anything in place now for affordable housing. Mr. Pinckney advised that he does serve but he's speaking as a Citizen and the planning Commission doesn't want to make the Manufactured housing Ordinance burdensome to residents. Mr. Pinckney advised that there needs to be provisions made for affordable housing. Mr. Pinckney also mentioned that at the County Tax Sale, that if the property is sold the mobile home can't be moved if the Mobile home is older than 20 years old so Citizens need to be aware.

Ted Moyd

Mr. Moyd left

Mr. Michael Lee on behalf of the Manufactured Institute of South Carolina located in Columbia

Mr. Lee stated that he had (3) specific points he wanted to make regarding the age requirement of the mobile homes. Mr. Lee stated that the 20 Year age requirement wouldn't be the most effective way to address some of the issues the county is facing. Mr. Lee feels like the 20 year age requirement will be create any sort of moving target of a new home. The person who purchases the home would know that they an expiration of their home before it loses all of it's value as he believes having a set date would be better. Mr. Lee added that it would allow owners to not take proper care of the home or it's value and that the homes and there are some alternatives that he would like to add if ever needed to consider.

Prince Jackson

Mr. Jackson inquired what type of land is required to place a septic tank on so that the Inspector would allow for proper permitting, adding that you have the trailer, the land, but don't have any place to put a septic tank.

Chairman Johnson answered that it's not the County function but the State Health Department question as to why the Council cannot answer.

Lafayette Webber

Mr. Webber concerned about the restriction being placed on mobile homes and one acres. He stated that he was the first person to sign up and the last one to speak. Mr. Webber added that there are those who should have spoken before him adding that the senior citizens who were there before him should have spoken. Mr. Webber stated that the County is trying to restrict the County citizens and now is the time for those who were voted in fight for the citizens of Jasper County

Diane Bostick

Ms. Bostick stated that the Late Senator Clementa Pinckney used her as an example to divide her one acre of land. Ms. Bostick asked why can't (3) homes be on one lot adding that Senator Pinckney fought for it yet she's seeing those who have a half acre have multiple homes on one lot. Ms. Bostick added that she's noticing those who have mobile homes older than 20 years are fixing up the home because they are unable to purchase a new mobile. Ms. Bostick is glad that it was mentioned earlier about the 25 acres.

Morris Lawyer

Mr. Lawyer stated that he used to own a manufactured dealership in Estill South Carolina many years ago to help the community and used the statistics of Jasper, Colleton and Hampton County to prove to them

that he was worth to own that dealership, in order to get approval to help those who were in need of housing. From the Manufactured home stand point, there are a lot of people present whose children cannot afford a stick-built home. Many cannot afford to pay surveyors, those to come and cut the land etc, if there is a land lock, who will be there to say what can and cannot be done. Mr. Lawyer stated there should be something in writing showing how to properly divide properly. Councilwoman Clark stated that the 20 years is for the people who go out to purchase mobile homes and bring it here, not for those who already live here and their mobile homes are already on the property and are being lived in, the Ordinance does not affect them.

Dennis Beach

Mr. Beach added that he's not against mobile homes and added that there is a problem in Purrysburg adding that it's several mobile home parks that are illegal. Mr. Beach added that it doesn't meet the proper guidelines and would like to invite Council members to come out and take a look at the mobile home parks in the area and there is problem also regarding flood insurance as it has gone up.

Donald Sheftall

Mr. Sheftall stated that he's opposes the Manufactured Housing Ordinance adding that nothing states that you can or cannot move a mobile home from another county as many others have stated. Mr. Sheftall also stated that the 20 year age requirement should not be and the size of the lot/acres wording should include subdivision as it does not state that it does. Mr. Sheftall stated that if he has a stick built home and it burns down, he cannot put a mobile home there because another mobile home is already on the lot and it's something that needs to be considered. Mr. Sheftall request Council to table the Ordinance until another option is presented.

Chairman Johnson closes the floor to Public Hearing.

Vice Chairman Etheridge made motion to table the 2nd Reading of the Ordinance until Council receives the recommendation from the Planning Commission, Councilman Brantley seconds the motion. The Motion passes with all present in favor to table the Ordinance.

New Business

Chief Frank Edwards – Purchase of Ladder Firetruck

Chief Edwards asked for Council's approval to purchase a ladder truck as part of the FY2019 Budget Amendment that was previously authorized by Council at the cost of \$139,000.00. The Unit Chief Edwards would like to purchase is a 2000 model Central States HME Ladder Truck that's 104ft tall and has a basket on the end. The unit has approximately 65,000 miles on it. By purchasing the ladder truck, it will help in the ISO rating and Emergency Services feel it's important that they use it in the Commercial areas of the County both North and South.

Vice Chairman Etheridge moves and Councilwoman Clark seconds the motion. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Kim Burgess – Presentation of Disaster Debris Management and Recovery Proposal

Ms. Burgess request Council approve the proposal by Crowder Gulf to provide disaster debris management and recovery in the case of a natural or man-made disaster primarily Hurricane and to enter into Contract with Crowder Gulf.

Councilman Sauls moves to approve and enter into Contract, Councilwoman Clark seconds. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Kim Burgess – Execution of Stiney Road Contract

Ms. Burgess stated that the Contract is for the construction of the fire station on Stiney Road, as the Council approved acceptance of the bid at the May 6, 2019 Council Meeting. Ms. Burgess requested Council's approval to allow the County Administrator to enter into Contract with IP Builders to construct the fire station.

Councilman Sauls moves to approve and enter into Contract, Councilwoman Clark seconds. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Kim Burgess – Execution of Master Service Agreement – Jasper County and Tetra Tech, Inc

Ms. Burgess stated that the request for qualifications was approved by Council at the June 18, 2019 Council Meeting, this company will monitor the county that will be cleaning up the debris after a hurricane. FEMA guidelines requires the company, the contractor and the monitor. The Agreement will only be activated whenever there is a Hurricane or disaster that needed to be monitored. Requesting approval to have County Administrator to enter into contract as well.

Councilman Sauls moves to approve and enter into Contract, Councilwoman Clark seconds. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – Approval of Position Description for Code Enforcement Officer

Mr. Fulghum advised Council that this is a new position that Council created with the adoption of the budget on July 1, 2019 under the Sherriff's Department. The Sherriff Department and Human Resources have craft the Job description and if requesting Council's approval of the description so that it can move forward into the hiring process.

Councilwoman Clark made a motion to approve the position description of the Code Enforcement Officer, Vice Chairman Etheridge seconds. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Consideration by Council of Appointing Two Members to the Library Board – Applicants Pamela M. Williams and Vasilisa C. Hamilton

Councilwoman Clarks motions to appoint Ms. Pamela Williams and Ms. Vasilisa Hamilton to the Library Board, Councilman Sauls seconds the motion. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Consideration by Council of Appointing Minority Vacant At Large Non-Elected Position on Lowcountry Council of Governments Board – Nominee Danny Lucas

Councilwoman Clarks motions to appoint Mr. Danny Lucas to the Lowcountry Council of Governments Board, Councilman Sauls seconds the motion. The Motion passes with all present in favor.

Old Business

Council Members' Comments

Councilman Sauls thanked everyone that came out to attend the Council Meeting, adding that a lot of great information was shared and he's glad that Mr. Alex Pinckney of the Planning Commission was present as well to hear the voices of those in the community, as the Ordinance is being pushed back into the hands of the planning Commission and encouraged all citizens to attend the Planning Commission meeting to voice their concerns to that Board. As the Planning Commission formulates a plan and recommend their plans to the Council for approval, and the Council relies heavy on those recommendation. Councilman Sauls agreed with Vice Chairman Etheridge that everything isn't going to make everyone happy, but something has to be placed in order so that the County could be properly blanketed with what it needs.

Councilwoman Clark echoed Councilman Sauls comments stating that she agreed with what he said and stated that it was a pleasure to see people involved in tonight's Council Meeting. Councilwoman Clark encouraged Citizens to come to the Council meetings more often and to even visit the Planning Commission meetings as they had three meetings before the Ordinance was ever introduced to Council. Councilwoman Clark stated that the County Council is doing the very best that they can and that there were some that came tonight to "beat down" the Council, but as you can see everything has a process also adding that a lot of residents know her and know that she will admit whenever she is wrong but one thing is certain, she will stand for what is right. Councilwoman Clark recognized the Jasper County Superintendent Dr. Anderson of whom the Council is supporting 100% and asked Dr. Anderson to stand and be recognized as some residents doesn't know who she is. Councilwoman Clark added that she can't wait to see the test scores that come back and encouraged the County Residents to visit the schools and let the teachers know the great job they are doing. Councilwoman Clark asked Mr. Fulghum how many millions have been placed in the school system, Mr. Fulghum stated that it's been hundred of millions. Councilwoman Clark added that it's the County Council's purpose to see it through that Jasper County surpasses the expectations of some County and State expectations. Councilwoman Clark also reminded everyone in attendance about the Pocatigo Festival and come out and have a great time.

Councilman Brantley attended the SOLOCO Meeting in Hardeeville SC as well as the South Carolina Association of Counties adding that it was a great opportunity for networking and on last Saturday he had the great opportunity to speak at the NAACP Banquet audience.

Vice Chairman Etheridge states that he's probably attended ten meetings since the last County Council meeting, adding that if anyone wants to call him, he is available 24/7 to talk and if he isn't available right away he will call back as it takes talking to make things right some times. Vice Chairman added that Council has only had one Reading of this Ordinance and to come back for the next two readings with the same momentum. Vice Chairman Etheridge also recognized the new Director for the Beaufort Jasper EOC Mr. James Williams adding that he has made some changes and asked Mr. Williams to come back so that Council could allow him to say something.

Chairman Johnson stated that he's glad that the Council has Public hearings so that it allows them to gain information, adding that there's no one that is thinking how they could make people miserable., because it's not the way it is and that Council loves to get the input of the County Residents. Mr. Lawyer pointed out about jobs and that's where the Council spends the majority of their time working on as it's understood the importance of having more jobs in the County.

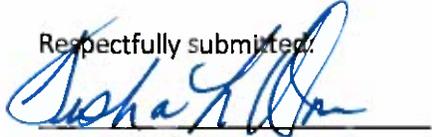
Administrator's Report presented for information.

Adjourn

Chairman Johnson requested a Motion to adjourn, Councilwoman Clark moves. The Motion passes with all Councilmembers present voting

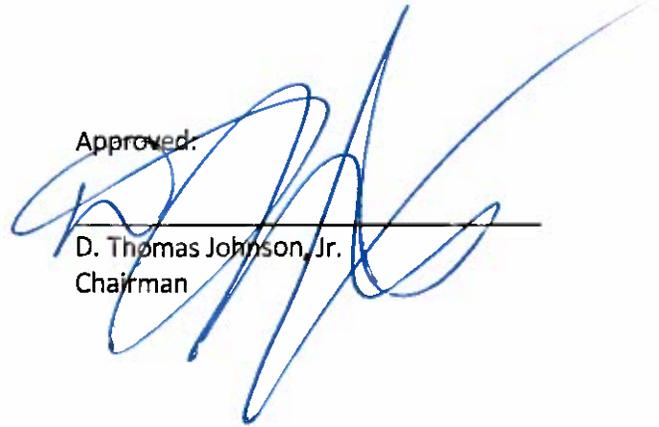
Meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Tisha L. Williams
Acting Clerk to Council

Approved:



D. Thomas Johnson, Jr.
Chairman