



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 Third Ave.

Ridgeland, SC. 29936

Monday, October 20, 2025

MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairman John Kemp, Vice Chairman Joey Rowell, Councilman Chris VanGeison, Councilman Gene Ceccarelli. **Absent:** Councilman Joseph Arzillo

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, Kimberly Burgess, Lisa Wagner, James Iwanicki, Chief Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

5:00 PM Workshop:

The workshop was called to order by Chairman Kemp. It was noted that the second item on the agenda regarding North Point Development would be delayed due to traffic.

1. Verna Arnette and Charlie Stone - Beaufort-Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) - Programs and Resources

Verna Arnett (General Manager) and Charlie Stone (Director of Government Affairs) were present to discuss this presentation. BJWSA introduced a new program designed to create equity among local government partners and streamline infrastructure planning. They discussed financial allocation to the jurisdiction and how much Jasper County was entitled to through this partnership. Eligible uses for these funds, it was noted, may be used for water or sewer infrastructure installation, offsetting capacity fees for public facilities or workforce housing, or other mutually agreed-upon projects. Existing capacity credits were discussed from previous infrastructure projects. BJWSA expressed a desire to "clear their books" of these credits as quickly as possible and suggested they be used for projects like affordable housing.

Infrastructure and Planning Updates were discussed such as the Purrysburg expansion, water supply and a new master plan. Council and staff discussed several potential uses for the newly identified funds and existing credits. It was suggested to possibly coordinate these funds with other agencies for larger projects. Staff will be potentially working with BJWSA in the future to develop specific recommendations and scenarios for utilizing capacity credits and new annual allocation

2. Cate Browne - NorthPoint Development Update and Infrastructure Needs

The update from Cate Brown regarding the North Point development and associated infrastructure gaps was deferred as she had not yet arrived due to traffic.

The workshop adjourned at 5:28pm.

6:00PM Council Meeting

1. Call to Order of the Jasper County Council Meeting by Chairman Kemp

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification.*

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of review, discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased. The recorded version is available online at: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBmloqX05cKAsHm_ggXCJIA. Closed captions are also available for all of our County Council videos. Just click the "CC" button to follow along.

The Pledge to the Flag was led by the Chairman and the Invocation was given by Councilman Rowell.

3. Approval of the Minutes 06.16.2025:

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

4. Approval of the Regular Agenda:

The request was made to add the Airport Commission to the Executive Session, to delete Item Numbers 10 and 11, and to note that Lyn Boyles would not be here for Item # 7.

Motion to approve with the noted changes: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PRESENTATIONS:

5. Chief Russell Wells – Presentation of a Plaque to be housed in the Jasper County Emergency Management Division to Lt. Tyler Nix, SFF Daniel Morgan, FF Harvey Dunn, FF Conner Skinner-Amaro, FF Jose Nunez, FF Shakia Deloach of a Resolution of the Collective Community with the Horry County Fire as a Mutual Aid Agency for their work at the March 1, 2025 Carolina Forest Wildland Fire, also known as the Covington Fire.

Chief Russell Wells was present to present the Plaque, to be housed in the Jasper County Emergency Management Division, for Mutual Aid Recognition. Council received a resolution from the Horry County Council commending Jasper County Fire Rescue for their critical assistance during the March 1, 2025, Carolina Forest Wildland Fire. The following strike team personnel were recognized for their service:

- Lieutenant Tyler Nix
- Senior Firefighter Daniel Morgan
- Firefighter Harvey Dunn
- Firefighter Conner Skinner-Amaro
- Firefighter Jose Nunez
- Firefighter Shakia Deloach

6. Chief Russell Wells – Award Presentation to SFF / Paramedic Mandy Terry for her recognition by Pink Magazine “Red, White, & Brave 2025” edition, for her recognition of service to the citizens and visitors of the County, and the representation of our department. Pink Magazine is a periodical distributed throughout the Lowcountry celebrating all women for who they are and what they love.

Chief Russell Wells was present to present the Award Presentation to SFF / Paramedic Mandy Terry, who was recognized for her professional profile in *Pink Magazine*, highlighting her dedication and service to the citizens and visitors of Jasper County. She was also recognized for her representation of this department.

7. Lyn Boyles – Keep Jasper Beautiful Report and Strategic Plan. – Since Ms. Boyles was not here this item was not addressed.

PROCLAMATION:

8. Chairman Kemp – Proclamation Presentation to the Young Marines of the Marine Corps League for Jasper County’s Support of National Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd – October 31st, 2025.

Council designated October 23rd through October 31st, 2025, as Red Ribbon Week. The proclamation emphasizes the county's commitment to drug-free lifestyles and acknowledges the role of community-based organizations, such as the Young Marines, in drug prevention.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

9. Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance Number #08-17 Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting’s 6:00PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

There were no public comments.

RESOLUTIONS

10. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-28 Resolution of Jasper County Council to Approve the Procurement of Body Worn Cameras and Tasers for the Jasper County Detention Center through a Purchasing Cooperative with Omnia Partners. (This item was tabled at the 04.07.2025 meeting; tabled at the 04.21.2025 meeting and at the 10.06.2025 Meeting, {listed with an incorrect # as R-2025-53 on the 10.06.2025 agenda}) – This item was removed from the Agenda.

11. Chief Russell Wells – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-32 a Resolution for the Sole Source Procurement and Revision of the Current Contract with Motorola Solutions for Updated Software and Interfaces Required to with the State of South Carolina’s new Reporting Software. (This item was removed from the 4.21.2025 Agenda) – This item was removed from the Agenda.

12. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-56, a Resolution of the Jasper County Council for Tri-Share. (Item Previously on 08.25.2025 Council Meeting)

Motion to approve: Councilman Ceccarelli

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

13. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-57 a Resolution to Declare Certain Emergency Services Division Property to be Surplus and Authorize its Sale or Disposition Pursuant to Section 2-425 of the Jasper County Code of Ordinances.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

14. Taylor Boykin and Jason Sample - A Resolution #R-2025-58 Authorizing a Joinder Agreement to Provide for the Addition of Palmetto Plastics Innovations, LLC as a Sponsor Affiliate, to Authorize an Assignment of the Benefits of Such Agreement, and to Address Other Matters Related Thereto. (Project Pilgrimage)

Mr. Jason Sample was present to review and discuss Resolution #R-2025-58, authorizing a Joinder Agreement to provide for the addition of Palmetto Plastics Innovations, LLC as a Sponsor Affiliate, to authorize an assignment of the benefits of such agreement.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

15. Taylor Boykin – Consideration of 1st Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Palmetto Plastics Innovations LLC, a company also known as Project Pilgrimage, with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will receive certain special source credits; and other matters related thereto. (Project Pilgrimage)

Mr. Jason Sample was present to review and discuss the 1st Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of A Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement by and between Jasper County, South Carolina and Palmetto Plastics Innovations LLC, a company also known as Project Pilgrimage, with respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will receive certain special source credits for Project Pilgrimage.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman Ceccarelli

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

16. Kimberly Varn, LCOG - Public Hearing Concerning Program Performance and Accomplishments for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project known as the Church Road Drainage Improvements Project CDBG #4-CI-20-010.

This item was for public hearing only. The public hearing was opened, but there were no public hearing comments, so the public hearing was closed.

17. Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Priorities.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

18. Andrew Fulghum – Consideration of Renewing Envisio Software Subscription including software licensing, online support, and single sign-on for unlimited users for Envisio Plans and Analytics and Public Dashboard with unlimited active Plans.

Mr. Fulghum was present to review and discuss this request. He noted that this was for a three-year renewal . The platform would provide a public-facing dashboard for data-driven decision-making. Specific topics discussed included the Register of Deeds fee values/filing counts, IT Department labor cost comparisons (in-house vs. privatized rates), Code Enforcement violation trends, and Parks & Recreation facility usage statistics.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman Ceccarelli

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

19. Andrew Fulghum - Consideration of Renewing American with Disabilities (ADA) Compliant Website Tools ReciteMe Toolbar and ReciteMe Checker.

Mr. Fulghum and Ms. Williams were present to review and discuss the consideration of Renewing American with Disabilities (ADA) Compliant Website Tools, ReciteMe Toolbar, and ReciteMe Checker. A three-year renewal was discussed for this request. It was noted that this tool is essential for maintaining compliance with the DOJ's Title II rule on website accessibility.

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

20. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-28 of Jasper County Council to amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2024-13, the Fiscal Year 2025 Jasper County Budget, To Provide For Amendments to The Budget and to Carryover Approved Lapsing Funds to Fiscal Year 2026; to Amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2025-14, the Fiscal Year 2026 Jasper County Budget, to Provide for Amendments to the Budget Resulting from the Carryover of Approved Lapsing Funds From Fiscal Year 2025; to Amend Certain Revenue Items; to Incorporate the reclassification of certain line items, to Amend for Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures, the Inclusion of Additional Appropriations, and Matters Related Thereto. (1st reading 09.15.2025; Public hearing and 2nd reading 10.06.2025)

Ms. Burgess was present to review and discuss the consideration of the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-28 of Jasper County Council to amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2024-13, the Fiscal Year 2025 Jasper County Budget, To Provide For Amendments to The Budget and to Carryover Approved Lapsing Funds to Fiscal Year 2026; to Amend Jasper County Ordinance O-2025-14, the Fiscal Year 2026 Jasper County Budget, to Provide for Amendments to the Budget Resulting from the Carryover of Approved Lapsing Funds From Fiscal Year 2025; to Amend Certain Revenue Items; to Incorporate the reclassification of certain line items, to Amend for Fiscal Year 2026 Expenditures, the Inclusion of Additional Appropriations.

Motion to approve: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman Ceccarelli

Vote: There were 3 yes votes and 1 no vote by Chairman Kemp

The motion passed.

21. Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-29 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located along Smith Manker Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 051-00-11-003, consisting of 5.09 acres from the Rural Preservation Zone and Residential Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (1st reading 09.15.2025)

Ms. Wagner introduced Mr. Hunter Smiley as the new Planner for Jasper County. Ms. Wagner was present to review and discuss the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-29 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located along Smith Manker Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 051-00-11-003, consisting of 5.09 acres, from the Rural Preservation Zone and Residential Zone to the

Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The public hearing was called to order, but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: There were 3 yes votes and 1 no vote by Councilman Ceccarelli

The motion passed.

22. Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-30 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 398 Mendez Farm Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 040-00-02-105, consisting of 1 acre from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (1st reading 09.15.2025)

Ms. Wagner was present to review and discuss the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-30 to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located at 398 Mendez Farm Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 040-00-02-105, consisting of 1 acre, from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The public hearing was called to order, but there were no comments, so the public hearing was closed.

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

23. Lisa Wagner – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-31 to Amend the Jasper County Land Development Regulations, Article 2.1.4, Minor Site Plan to add site improvements to the definition of Minor Site Plan. (1st reading 09.15.2025)

Ms. Wagner was present to review and discuss the consideration of the 2nd Reading of Ordinance #O-2025-31 to Amend the Jasper County Land Development Regulations, Article 2.1.4, Minor Site Plan to add site improvements to the definition of Minor Site Plan. The public hearing was called to order, but there were no comments, so it was closed.

Motion to approve: Councilman VanGeison

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

24. Administrator's Report: Mr. Fulghum reviewed the information from his report. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report

25. Councilmember Comments and Discussion:

Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

26. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) 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 – Treasurer and County Attorney; Personnel Reviews

(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 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 – Forensic Audit; Heddings v Jasper County

Motion to go into Executive Session: Councilman Ceccarelli

Second: Councilman Rowell

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS. PLEASE BE ADVISED THERE MAY BE VOTES BASED ON ITEMS FROM THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to regular session: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman Ceccarelli

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

26.1 Action coming from Executive Session: There was no action coming out of the executive session. Council may act on any item appearing on the agenda, including items discussed in executive session.

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Motion to adjourn: Councilman Rowell

Second: Councilman VanGeison

Vote: Councilman

The motion passed, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Giles
Clerk to Council



W. J. Rowell III
Chairman