



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley, Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins, Councilman John Kemp, and Councilman L. Martin Sauls (absent at Executive Session, but was present for the regular session)

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at 4:30PM. Chairwoman Clark asked the Clerk to Council to read the Report of Compliance to the Freedom of Information Act. Wanda Simmons, Clerk to Council read the Clerk's Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act. Chairwoman Clark read the information below for the executive session.

Motion to go into executive session: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

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 – Premium Pay; Detention Center; Jasper County Aeronautics Commission

(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 – Jet Strategic Partners LLC; Sgt. Jasper Park

(4) Discussion regarding the development of security personnel or devices: Security Measures

(5) 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 – Jasper Ocean Terminal (JOT); Projects Dolphin, Mandolin, Six Pack and Prospect Update

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

Return to Open Session:

Motion to return to regular session: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sauls and the Invocation was given by Councilman Adkins.

Business from Executive Session:

Motion to authorize the administrator to provide a stipend to detention center employees, excluding the director and his administrative staff, for those employees working extra shifts, in the amount of \$300.00 per pay period, with the administration administering the program to assure that all employees have an opportunity to participate in an equitable manner in the program, with funding coming from the already appropriated funds for detention center wages,; and that the administrator authorized to discontinue the program once staffing levels are stabilized: Councilman Sauls

Second: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the administrator to procure the services of Jet Strategic Partners, LLC, upon the terms discussed in executive session: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the administrator to procure the security measures discussed in executive session in an amount not to exceed \$50,000: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Sauls

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve: Councilman Adkins

Second: Councilman Sauls

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of 12.06.2021:

Motion to approve the minutes of 12.06.2021: Councilman Sauls

Second: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Presentation and Proclamations: None

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.

Clerk to Council Ms. Simmons noted that no public comments had been received.

Resolutions:

A: Kimberly Burgess - Consideration of Resolution # R-2022-02 to amend Resolution to amend and supplement Resolution # 2021-20, as Amended on September 24, 2021, regarding the Implementation Of Premium Pay Funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds.

Ms. Burgess was present to address this resolution request. She noted that this was a consideration of approval of Resolution # R-2022-02 that would amend and supplement Resolution # 2021-20, as Amended on September 24, 2021, regarding the implementation of premium pay funded by Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. She noted that this would apply to certain Elected offices, Magistrate Judge, Probate judge and would provide for a grant. She noted that the total amount of the request was for \$42,888. Chairwoman Clark stated this had been discussed in Executive Session and that it was recommended to table until Council could hear from the US Treasury in April regarding the use of ARPA Funds.

Motion to table: Councilman Sauls
Second: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley
Vote: Unanimous
The motion was tabled.

B: David Tedder - Resolution # R-2022-03 to declare certain property to be surplus and authorize its sale or disposition - Sheriff's Department used trailer/mobile office.

Mr. Tedder was present to address this resolution request. Mr. Tedder noted that the County had the ability to surplus vehicles thru the County procurement office. He noted as he understood it this was a former modular schoolroom. He said this resolution would allow the County to get rid of it by bid or have it moved. He noted that the Chief Procurement Officer would decide what to do with this property. Councilman Kemp asked if anyone had said it was their property. Mr. Tedder said that they had discussed this with the Sheriff and Deputy and that years ago it had come from the School Board. He noted that it was possibly a former Sheriff that may have promised it to someone but there was no documentation on this. He also noted it was not registered anywhere and no one had come forward to claim the property.

Motion to approve and declare this trailer surplus: Councilman Kemp
Second: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley
Vote: Unanimous
The motion passed.

Ordinances:

A: David Tedder – Consideration of a First reading of an Ordinance to Reapportion and Redistrict the Four (4) Election Districts for the election of Jasper County Council Members based upon the 2020 Decennial Census in order that the population of such Districts shall comply with the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and South Carolina Law.

Mr. Tedder was present to address this first reading of the ordinance request. He noted that the public hearings for this Ordinance would be held on 02.07.2022 and on 02.22.2022. He also noted that in recent months the Council had received information on the census and the redistricting. The Council had previously adopted a resolution and the SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office had been drafting the maps. He also noted that Council attended a Virtual Workshop with SC Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office Staff on January 13th. He also mentioned that large maps will be placed throughout the County at specific locations.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: All votes were yes, except Vice Chairman Brantley who abstained from the vote until he could review the maps.

The motion passed.

New Business:

A: Kimberly Burgess – Container and Compactor Bid Presentation.

Ms. Burgess was present to address this bid presentation request. She noted that Jasper County had advertised for sealed bids for four (4) 25-yard open-top containers and one (1) 39-yard self-contained compactor. She said the County received two bids. The low bidder she noted was Bakers Waste Equipment, Inc. at \$66,085.61 including sales tax and shipping.

She noted that Staff requests that the County Council accept the bid proposal from Baker Waste Equipment, Inc. not to exceed \$57,000 including sales tax and shipping and to allow the County Administrator to enter into an agreement for the purchase and delivery of the equipment.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

B: Lyn Boyles – Request for additional appropriation for the Keep Jasper Beautiful Program.

Ms. Burgess was present to address this additional appropriation for the Keep Jasper Beautiful Program request. The Keep Jasper County Beautiful program is requesting an additional appropriation of \$25,000 to hire contractors to provide litter pick-up on highly traveled littered roads in Jasper County. There are approximately 10 “hot spot” roads that the Keep Jasper County Beautiful program would like to provide litter pick up using contractors rather than volunteers. She noted that the Staff requests that the County Council approve the budget transfer of \$25,000 from line item 010-088-2342 to 010-092-2342 to provide additional funding to hire contractors

for litter pick up. Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley asked if we had given them money for this year yet. Ms. Burgess said that money had been given to them earlier this year.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Old Business:

A: Chief Russell Wells – COVID update

Chief Wells

Chief Wells noted that the positivity rates for COVID were on the rise. Jasper County was currently at a 36.1% positivity rate. South Carolina was currently at a 29.3% positivity rate. He noted that the daily case count was up significantly. He provided the community information and testing, site locations as well as the vaccine locations throughout the County for Council. He also provided DHEC Updates widespread vendor testing delay information.

Council Members Comments:

Councilman Sauls:

Councilman Sauls thanked everyone for keeping him in their thoughts and prayers. He urged everyone to safe and healthy.

Councilman Adkins:

Councilman Adkins thanked God for everything in his life and thanked God for raising Councilman Sauls up. He requested prayers for the family of the 5 year old and he asked everyone to keep him in prayer

Councilman Kemp:

Councilman Kemp noted that he had went to the Levy Community meeting on January 11th and that Sheriff Hipp, the State Police and the Mayor of Hardeeville was there. He noted the main subject was traffic. He said he had attended the FIT luncheon and noted that there were a lot of volunteers. He said he had attended the Town of Ridgeland Council Meeting and noted that the development of housing around the airport was moving forward. He said he had attended the USCB meeting, the MLK Celebration, the JARM and that on Monday he had personally set up a Meet and Greet for himself with the public at the Pratt Library.

Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley:

Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley said he encouraged everyone to get involved in the upcoming redistricting plan to get everyone fully represented. It was noted that Council needed to have a single member district opposed to at large as we are one of the two counties with at large voting.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Fulghum noted that the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2021 was read. He noted they would put a copy in Council's mailbox and will put it on the website. He noted that Chief Wells had a brief update for Council. Chief Wells noted that on 1/13/2022 he had met wit the

Executive Officers of the City of Hardeeville Fire Department to discuss aid and mutual aid. He said they had massaged out a good plan and updated exhibits. He noted that they hoped to have that out in late February. He said he was happy to report that it seemed that have a more fluid and stable working relationship.

Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II. There was no need to return to executive session at this time.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Vice Chairman Dr. Brantley

Second: Councilman Sauls

Vote: Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 6:40PM.

Respectfully submitted:



Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council

Approved:



Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman