



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 5, 2015
MINUTES**

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Vice Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilman Henry Etheridge

STAFF PRESENT: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney Marvin Jones, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the electronic and print media were notified. During periods of discussion and/or presentations minutes are typically condensed and paraphrased.

Call to Order – Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order.

Executive Session – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to go into executive session for the 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 an 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 other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing – County Attorney’s Office. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Councilman Johnson moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that for the purpose of Section 14.0 of the Jasper County Personnel Policy and Procedure Manual, County Attorney Marvin Jones shall be deemed to have participated in the County health insurance plan continuously and in consecutive years since 2004. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Swearing in of Newly Elected Officials - The Honorable Judge Albert Kleckley, Jr. administered the Oath of Office to Theodus L. Drayton – Robertville District and L. Martin Sauls, IV– Coosawhatchie District

Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Drayton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation- Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Approval of the Minutes – 11/17/2014, 12/01/2014, 12/19/2014 – Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 11/17/2014, 12/01/2014 and 12/19/2014. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Election of Officers

Andrew Fulghum - Election of Chairman – Mr. Fulghum asked for nominations for Chairman of the County Council. Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to nominate Councilwoman Clark for Chairwoman of the Jasper County Council. There were no other nominations. Councilwoman Clark was elected Chairwoman of the Jasper County Council with all members present voting in favor.

Chairman – Election of Vice Chairman – Chairwoman Clark asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Councilman Etheridge motioned and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to nominate Councilman Sauls as Vice Chairman of the Jasper County Council. There were no other nominations. Councilman Sauls was elected Vice Chairman of the Jasper County Council with all members present voting in favor.

Presentations and Proclamations - None

Ordinances

Ronnie Malphrus –3rdReading of the Ordinance authorizing a loan from the South Carolina Public Service Authority to Jasper County, South Carolina to finance the construction of an industrial building in the Cypress Ridge Business/Industrial Park for the economic development of Jasper County; authorizing the execution and delivery of an intergovernmental loan agreement between the South Carolina Public Service Authority and Jasper County and a promissory note from Jasper County to the South Carolina Public Service Authority related thereto; and other matters relating thereto – Mr. Malphrus asked to table until the next meeting.

Resolutions

Andrew Fulghum – Resolution to recognize the contribution of Claude Dean to Jasper County and the Ridgeland Airport, and to name the County’s new airport facility the “Ridgeland – Claude Dean Airport”- Mr. Fulghum explained that Mr. Dean has run the airport without pay since 1970. Mr. Fulghum explained that Mr. Dean has taken the airport from five airplanes and three hangers to 60 airplanes and 49 hangers. Mr. Fulghum added that Mr. Dean has made the singular contribution to the development of aviation in Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark thanked Mr. Dean for his many years of services. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to pass the resolution to recognize the contribution of Claude

Dean to Jasper County and the Ridgeland Airport, and to name the County's new airport facility the "Ridgeland — Claude Dean Airport". The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Mr. Dean accepted the resolution from the Council.

Andrew Fulghum – Resolution to recognize the contribution of Rudolph L. McCormack to Jasper County and to dedicate the Lobby of the new Jasper County Health Department Building in his memory – Mr. Fulghum explained that Mr. R. McCormack was the first Public Health Officer in Jasper County and he served from 1949 to 1974. Mr. Fulghum added that in honor of his singular contribution to the health and quality of life of all the residents of Jasper County that the lobby of the new Health Dept. Building will be named the Rudolph L. McCormack Health Department Lobby. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to pass the resolution to recognize the contribution of Rudolph L. McCormack to Jasper County and to dedicate the Lobby of the new Jasper County Health Department Building in his memory. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Mr. Leland McCormick accepted the resolution from the Council.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Committee Reports -None

Administrator's Report – Mr. Fulghum reminded the Council that the ribbon cutting at the New Health Dept. Building would be held on January 8, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Fulghum informed the Council that an additional grant in the amount of \$50,000 was received from Commerce to complete additional work items, landscaping, dumpster and irrigation. Mr. Fulghum presented a request from Mr. Bostick for New World Systems hardware upgrade for emergency services at a cost of \$25,000. Mr. Fulghum said the upgrade would be paid for from the E-911 funds. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the request in the amount of \$25,000 for the New World Systems hardware upgrade for emergency services and that it will be paid for with E-911 funds. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Mr. Daley updated the Council on the Fire Plan and that the contract for the new tankers was signed last May and the trucks are in the process of being built. Mr. Daley said the delay was caused due to the difficulty finding the trucks. Mr. Daley said all the trucks are on a Chevrolet chassis and are currently being refitted. Mr. Daley said that 3 of the tankers are due to be ready very shortly. Mr. Daley said the ISO officials did the rating on Nov. 18, 2014 and they said everything looked good. Mr. Daley said the volunteers are being trained and that the volunteers have put in over 200 hours of training. Mr. Daley said the ISO is holding up the rating for the County until the tankers arrive. Mr. Daley said he should have the report in March or April. Mr. Daley said that there are 35-40 volunteers and about 25-20 are active. Mr. Daley said they needed to continue to get and maintain volunteers. Vice Chairman Sauls asked if they would know the ISO rating when Mr. Daley gets the report. Mr. Daley said they would. Vice Chairman Sauls said the Council has been working on getting the ISO ratings lower so the citizens can have lower insurance premiums. Councilman Etheridge asked if the ISO

rating will be Countywide. Mr. Daley said that everything in the County within a 5 mile radius of a fire station would be affected by the rating, but it will not affect the municipalities. Councilman Johnson asked if ISO was giving the County credit for the tankers even though they have not been delivered yet. Mr. Daley said he showed the inspectors the orders and will send the report when they come in. Councilman Johnson asked for a map of the areas not within a 5 mile radius of a fire station. Councilman Drayton commented that anything within a 5 mile radius of the Tillman Fire Dept. would get the rating.

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 – Chairwoman Clark opened the floor to the public. Chairwoman Clark recognized Ms. Warren and Ms. Williams who are members of the Community Relations Committee. Ms. Warren said the committee was in need of a Latino member and asked the Council to please appoint someone. Chairwoman Clark responded that the Council was working on that appointment. Rita Elliott, Dan Elliott and Matt Luke discussed the grant they received to research the Purrysburg Site as it played a significant role in the Revolutionary War. Mr. Luke said he received an additional grant for do an analysis of the battlefield and it will be included in the data base of all battlefields. The public was invited to participate and also to visit the scbattleground@prervation.com website. Being no further comments, Chairwoman Clark closed the floor to the public.

Adjourn- Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman

