

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
AUGUST 4, 2008
4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, CHAIRMAN
FRED TUTEN, VICE CHAIRMAN
GLADYS JONES, COUNCILWOMAN
LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
RONNIE MALPHRUS, DEP. ADM. ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING SERVICES
MARVIN JONES, ATTORNEY
JUDITH M. FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL
STEVEN MALPHRUS, DEP. DIRECTOR EMERGENCY SERVICES
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR

STAFF ABSENT:

WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES

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:

CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH HARDEEVILLE ON JULY 21, 2008 AND JULY 21, 2008 COUNCIL MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS TIME.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

GFOA AWARD:

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A PLAQUE TO MR. MALPHRUS FROM THE GFOA FOR OUTSTANDING FINANCIAL REPORTING. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED THAT A PICURE OF MR. MALPHRUS BE PLACED IN THE LOBBY WITH THE AWARDS. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO PLACE A PHOTOGRAPH OF RONNIE MALPHRUS WITH THE GFOA AWARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS NOT PRESENT AT THIS TIME.

RECOGNITION OF PALMETTO ELECTRIC DONATION:

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE MEETING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON JULY 29, 2008 WAS VERY PRODUCTIVE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT A CONSULTING GROUP HAS BEEN HIRED TO DETERMINE WHAT TYPES OF HOUSING ARE NEEDED IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM THANKED PALMETTO ELECTRIC FOR THE \$5,000.00 DONATION TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF THE STUDY. MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT SCB&T AND THE MUNICIPALITIES AND THE JASPER/BEAUFORT REALTOR'S ASSOCIATION ALSO MADE DONATIONS FOR THE STUDY. JIMMY BAKER AND JAN BAXTER WERE PRESENT AND MR. BAKER COMMENTED THAT PALMETTO ELECTRIC WAS HAPPY TO BE PART OF THE EFFORT AND THAT PALMETTO ELECTRIC RECOGNIZED THE REAL NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN JASPER COUNTY.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MET WITH THE SHERIFF AND THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES REGARDING THE BAGGY PANTS ORDINANCE AND THAT THE ATTORNEY WILL RESUBMIT THE ORDINANCE TO COUNCIL WHEN ADJUSTMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO LEASE PROPERTY AT SGT. JASPER PARK TO SUE CHAPMAN dba THE SWAMP GIRLS

COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO UPDATE THE COUNCIL ON THE LEASE AGREEMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE MEMORIALIZES THE AGREEMENT COUNCIL PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE TERM OF THE LEASE IS ONE YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2008 AND THE RENT IS \$450.00 PER MONTH. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ANY UPGRADES WOULD BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE SWAMP

GIRLS, BUT THE COUNTY WILL PAY FOR THE UTILITIES. THE SWAMP GIRLS WILL SELL KAYAKS AND HANDLE THE RENTING OF THE COUNTY OWNED CANOES AND KAYAKS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE SWAMP GIRLS WILL HAVE OTHER ITEMS FOR SALE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LEASE CAN BE RENEWED ANNUALLY FOR TWO YEARS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IT THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE ANYTHING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNTY WOULD RECEIVE THE RENT AND THE BUSINESS LICENSE FEE. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO LEASE PROPERTY AT SGT. JASPER PARK TO SUE CHAPMAN, dba THE SWAMP GIRLS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMAN TYLER, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND CHAIRMAN HOOD VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE: 081-00-04-049; 081-00-04-001; 081-00-04-006; AND 081-00-04-005:

LISA LAMB PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPERTY WAS LOCATED ON HWY. 170 TOWARDS BEAUFORT. MS. LAMB SAID THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE STAFF RECOMMENDED THE CHANGE. MS. LAMB SAID THAT COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONING IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES. MS. LAMB SAID A PUBLIC HEARING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING AND THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN POSTED AND THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE: 081-00-04-049; 081-00-04-001; 081-00-04-006; AND 081-00-04-005. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH, CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, COUNCILWOMAN JONES, AND COUNCILMAN TYLER VOTING FOR. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS NOT PRESENT WHEN THE VOTE WAS TAKEN.

1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES, THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, CHAPTER 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES, AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES:

MARVIN JONES SAID THAT LEGISLATION NOW REQUIRES THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT THE MOST RECENT VERSIONS OF THE CODES AND THE OLD SECTIONS WILL BE REPEALED.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ARRIVES AT THIS TIME.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT HERMAN SMITH WILL BE ENFORCING THE CODES AND SHE ASKED IF HE HAS SEEN THE CODES. MR SMITH RESPONDED THAT HE DID RECEIVE A COPY OF THE CODES. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, FIRE, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, ENERGY CONSERVATION CODES, THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE, CHAPTER 1 OF THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING AND FIRE CODES, AND TO REPEAL SECTIONS 6-51 THROUGH 6-57 OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERSONNEL POLICY (BY TITLE ONLY):

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT WHEN THE PERSONNEL POLICY WAS PASSED, A SECTION REGARDING THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT WAS NOT PROPERLY ADDRESSED WITH REGARDS TO THE COUNTY PAYING FOR THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE WHEN THEY HAVE QUALIFIED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF YEARS THAT THEY WORK FOR THE COUNTY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE POLICE OFFICERS RETIREMENT WAS IN 25 YEARS NOT 28 YEARS LIKE THE OTHER EMPLOYEES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THIS CHANGE NEEDED TO BE MADE BECAUSE IT AFFECTED NOT ONLY LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THIS WAS THE RETIREMENT THAT THEY WERE HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED THAT THE PORS RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS AND THE REGULAR EMPLOYEES RETIRE AFTER 28 YEARS AND THE COUNTY WILL PAY FOR THEIR HEALTH INSURANCE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT ALL THE EMT AND FIRE PERSONNEL HAVE TO BE CROSSED TRAINED, BUT ONLY SOME OF THE EMTS FALL UNDER THE 25 YEAR RETIREMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE TYPE OF RETIREMENT IS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF HOURS THE EMT EMPLOYEES WORK AS FIREMEN. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW CAN THEY CHANGE A PERSON'S CATEGORY AND MR.MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE EMPLOYEE WOULD KEEP MONEY IN BOTH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS UNTIL THEY RETIRE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID MOST OF THE EMS EMPLOYEES WANT TO COME UNDER THE PORS, AND JASPER COUNTY HAS A UNIQUE SITUATION BECAUSE OF THE CROSS TRAINING, BUT A PERSON MUST SPEND 51% OF HIS TIME WORKING AS FIREMAN TO QUALIFY FOR PORS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THE NEW PERSONNEL POLICY ADDRESSED THE SITUATION REGARDING A HUSBAND AND WIFE WORKING IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY CAN WORK IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT AS LONG AS THEY DON'T SUPERVISE THEIR SPOUSE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE THREE NEW AMBULANCES:

MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE FINANCING COMPANY NEEDED THE COUNCIL TO PASS A RESOLUTION FOR THE FINANCING OF THE NEW AMBULANCES. MR. MALPHRUS STATED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURCHASE AND THE ANNUAL PAYMENTS ON THE AMBULANCES. MR. MALPHRUS REQUESTED THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN ANY OTHER NECESSARY DOCUMENTS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINANCING OF THE THREE NEW AMBULANCES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS TO THE LIBRARY BOARD:

COUNCILWOMAN JONE MOTIONED AND VICECHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPOINT VANDY AMASON TO THE LIBRARY BOARD. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE SECOND MEMBER FOR THE LIBRARY BOARD WILL BE APPOINTED AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BOARD:

THIS ITEM WAS TABLED UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

NEW BUSINESS:

STEVEN MALPHRUS – CONTRACT TO DO ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY:

MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THE SERVICES WERE REQUIRED AND THEY RELATED TO THE NEW TOWER IN SWITZERLAND. MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THE FUNDS HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED DURING THE GRANT PROCESS. MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THAT SERVICES WILL TAKE PLACE OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. MR. STEVEN MALPHRUS REQUESTED APPROVAL OF THE \$45, 601.00 AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE TOWER WAS GOING TO COST \$608,000.00 AND SHE ASKED WHAT WAS THE COUNTY'S MATCH. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THAT THERE WERE TWO GRANTS, ONE FOR THE TOWER AND ONE FOR RADIOS. RONNIE MALPHRUS SAID THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE COUNTY'S MATCH FOR BOTH GRANTS WAS \$225,000.00. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE UPKEEP OF THE TOWER. STEVEN MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO MAINTAIN THE TOWER, HOWEVER, THE TOWER IS DESIGNED SO THAT SPACE CAN BE SOLD TO HELP WITH THE UPKEEP. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE \$45,601.00 REQUESTED

THE TOWER STUDY AND THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENT AND THE \$45,601.00 IS TO BE PAID FROM THE GRANT FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE SPOKE WITH A GENTLEMEN FROM THE U.S. DEPT.OF COMMERCE THAT WAS IN CHARGE OF THE CENSUS THAT WAS GOING TO BE DONE AND THEY WANT TO GET THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNTY RECEIVES FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDING BASED ON THE NUMBER OF CITIZENS AND THAT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE CORRECT NUMBERS ARE SUPPLIED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE HAD THE CONTACT NUMBER FOR SOMEONE TO COME AND MAKE A PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL IF THE REST OF THE COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THE PRESENTATION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED WHAT THEY PLANNED TO DO DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THEY USUALLY HIRE PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE THE COUNTY, AND THEY WOULD LIKE TO GET LOCAL PEOPLE INVOLVED SO THAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE TO USE OUTSIDE PEOPLE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW MUCH WAS PAID PER PERSON IN THE COUNTY AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT KNOW, BUT IT COULD MEAN A LOT OF MONEY TO THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT LCOG WAS ALSO WORKING ON A PROGRAM FOR THIS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED TO WHAT EXTENT WOULD COUNTY COUNCIL GET INVOLVED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE GENTLEMEN WOULD DISCUSS WHAT THEY NEEDED AND IT COULD INCREASE THE REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THE COUNCIL WOULD NEED TO BE INVOLVED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THAT IF THE COUNCIL WAS INVOLVED, IT MAY MAKE IT EASIER TO RECRUIT LOCAL PEOPLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTACT THE GENTLEMAN AND SCHEDULE HIM TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL.

COUNCILWOMAN JONES DISPLAYED THE PARTICIPATION PLAQUE THE COUNTY RECEIVED AT THE SCAC CONFERENCE ON HILTON HEAD. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE COUNTY ENTERED THE FARMERS' MARKET RENOVATION IN THE J. MITCHELL GRAHAM AWARD COMPETITION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR RECOGNIZED MR. BRODIE AND CONGRATULATED HIM ON THE GREAT JOB HE DID ON THE VIDEO THAT WAS PART OF THE FARMERS' MARKET PRESENTATION.

CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED FOR QUARTERLY REPORTS AS TO WHAT IS BEING SPENT BY EACH FIRE STATION. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE 1ST REPORT WILL BE DUE AT THE FIRST MEETING IN OCTOBER AND HE WILL BE REQUESTING OTHER FINANCIAL REPORTS THAT WILL ALSO BE DUE AT THAT TIME.

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED ATTORNEY JONES TO REVIEW THE LETTER REGARDING A LOCAL ATTORNEY THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORT:

MR. FULGHUM REFERENCED A LETTER FROM ATTORNEY JONES REGARDING THE NEW LEGISLATION REGARDING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS AND HE WAS WORKING WITH THE ATTORNEY AND THE DEPARTMENT HEADS REGARDING THE ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE LETTER.

MR FULGHUM THANKED DR. HOOD FOR MAKING THE PRESENTATION ON THE FARMERS' MARKET AND MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED THE VIDEO THAT WAS PRESENTED FOR THE J. MITCHELL GRAHAM AWARD COMPETITION.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER INDIVIDUAL):

CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

LAFETTE WEBBER EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS REGARDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR WEBBER SAID THAT ON TWO OCCASIONS WHEN HE CONTACTED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REGARDING DRUG DEALERS, AND THE INDIVIDUALS HE REPORTED, CAME TO HIS HOME AND TOLD HIM THAT THEY KNEW HE REPORTED THEM AND THAT THEY WERE TOLD BY THE SHERIFF. MR. WEBBER SAID THERE WAS A DRUG PROBLEM IN THE BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS AND IT HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME AND THIS FOOLISHNESS HAS TO STOP. MR. WEBBER SAID THIS PROBLEM NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AND IT DEVASTATES HIM TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS. CHAIRMAN HOOD ENCOURAGED MR. WEBBER TO CONTACT THE SHERIFF REGARDING HIS SITUATION. MR. WEBBER SAID HE HAS MET WITH THE PRIOR SHERIFF AND THE NEW SHERIFF NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHAT THE PEOPLE ARE DOING AND WHAT THEY ARE PAID TO DO. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF ANYTHING HAS BEEN DONE IN HIS COMMUNITY. MR. WEBBER SAID THAT THE NEIGHBORHOOD IS MOSTLY SENIOR CITIZENS AND IT IS HARD TO GET THE PEOPLE TO TRUST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WHEN HE, HIMSELF, DOESN'T TRUST THEM. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SOME PEOPLE HAVE ORGANIZED A NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IN THEIR AREA AND THEY WATCH AND MAKE REPORTS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF HE REPORTED TO THE SHERIFF THAT HIS NAME WAS RELEASED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL CANNOT MAKE THE SHERIFF DO ANYTHING, BUT THE COUNCIL IS CONCERNED IF THE CITIZENS ARE NOT BEING PROTECTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT MORE COMMUNITY MEETINGS WERE NEEDED AND THAT THEY COULD BE HELD IN THE EARLY EVENING SO THE CITIZENS COULD BE HOME BEFORE DARK.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

MATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF MR. RONNIE MALPHRUS AND TO HIRE MS. HOWARD FULL-TIME AND ALSO TO HIRE THE CLERK FOR HR. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEN TYLER AND BLACKSHEAR AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN VOTING FOR; COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTED AGAINST. CHAIRMAN HOOD DID NOT VOTE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE DID NOT THINK THE COUNTY NEEDED THREE PEOPLE WITH MASTER DEGREES IN ONE DEPARTMENT AND THAT THE TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY FOR THIS.

ADJOURN:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:20 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN

