



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936**

**AUGUST 14, 2009
10:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
HUBERT TYLER, COMMITTEE MEMBER

STAFF PRESENT:

ANDREW FULGHUM, ADMINISTRATOR
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
JUDITH FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
RENTY KITTY, BUSINESS LICENSE/SIGN COORDINATOR

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 10:00 A.M.

PERRY HOUSE LEASE:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WERE A FEW ISSUES AND HE WAS GOING TO HAVE THE ATTORNEY REVIEW THE REQUESTS FOR CHANGES TO THE LEASE MADE BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE CHAMBER REQUESTED THAT 5 PARKING SPACES BE DEDICATED IN THE PERRY HOUSE PARKING LOT FOR THEM. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT HE DID NOT THINK 5 SPACES WERE NEEDED AND HE SUGGESTED A DESIGNATED SPOT FOR THE DIRECTOR AND THE CHAMBER CHAIRMAN. IT WAS THE CONCENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT THERE BE TWO SPACES DESIGNATED, HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT BE REFERENCED IN THE LEASE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CHAMBER REQUESTED THAT VISITOR'S CENTER BE INCLUDED IN THE USES AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE AGREED WITH THAT REQUEST AS IT ALLOWS THE COUNCIL TO ACCESS DIFFERENT REVENUE FOR THE CHAMBER.

MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CHAMBER DID NOT THINK THEY SHOULD HAVE TO KEEP THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING PAINTED; THE CHAMBER FELT THAT ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE ROOF SHOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SINCE IT WAS A COUNTY BUILDING, THE COUNTY SHOULD PAY FOR PAINTING THE EXTERIOR AND REPAIRS TO THE ROOF. MR. FULGHUM DISCUSSED WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROBLEMS WITH HVAC AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID TO LEAVE IT AS IT IS SINCE THE CHAMBER CAN REQUEST A-TAX FUNDS FOR REPAIRS. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO LEAVE REPAIRS IN THE LEASE, BUT THE COUNTY WOULD PAY FOR PAINTING THE EXTERIOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE CHAMBER WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL TO REQUEST ANY OTHER TYPES OF REPAIRS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CHAMBER ASKED WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BUILDING IN A CATASTROPHIC EVENT AND CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE DID NOT THINK THAT NEEDED TO BE MENTIONED IN THE LEASE SINCE THE BUILDING IS COVERED BY INSURANCE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CHAMBER SHOULD PAY FOR INSURANCE FOR FIRE AND EXTENDED COVERAGE FOR THE MUSEUM ITEMS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COUNTY WOULD MAINTAIN COVERAGE FOR THE BUILDING, BUT NOT THE CONTENTS OF THE BUILDING. MR. JONES SAID THE CHAMBER WILL HAVE TO CARRY LIABILITY INSURANCE AND NAME THE COUNTY AS CO-INSURED ON THE POLICY. THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE WAS THAT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD PAY THE UTILITIES AND FOR OUTSIDE YARD MAINTENANCE.

ORDINANCES TO BE PRESENTED AT COUNCIL MEETING:

MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE FOR PROPERTY OWNED BY RICHARD ROWAN IN THE BELLINGER HILL AREA.

MR. JIROUSEK REVIEWED THE ORDINANCE THAT WOULD ALLOW A SECOND DWELLING ON ONE LOT OF AN ACRE OR MORE.

MR. JIROUSEK DISCUSSED THE ORDINANCE REGARDING A LAND SWAP BETWEEN JASPER COUNTY AND THE RICHARD B. BEDELL REVOCABLE TRUST. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE LAND SWAP WOULD BENEFIT THE COUNTY, AS WELL AS, THE BEDELL FAMILY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE FAA WANTS AN AIRPORT WITH A RUNWAY OF 5,000 SQ. FEET IN THIS AREA OR BEAFORT. MR. FULGHUM SUGGESTED THAT A COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS BE DONE TO BUILD A NEW AIRPORT, TO EXTEND THE RUNWAY OR LOOK IN TO A REGIONAL AIRPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IF A NEW AIRPORT IS BUILT IN JASPER COUNTY, THE EXISTING AIRPORT WOULD HAVE TO BE CLOSED. MR. FULGHUM ADDED THAT BY CONSIDERING A REGIONAL AIRPORT, THE SMALL AIRPORTS WOULD ALL REMAIN THE SAME.

BUSINESS LICENSE REPORT:

MR. KITTY REPORTED THAT 14 NEW BUSINESS LICENSES AND 121 RENEWED BUSINESS LICENSES WERE ISSUED IN JULY. MR. KITTY INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT 6 BUSINESSES CHANGED OWNERSHIP AND 7 CLOSED. MR. KITTY TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT \$39,379.26 WAS DEPOSITED FOR THE MONTH. MR. KITTY SAID THE INCOME FOR BILLBOARDS WAS \$136.96 AND THAT THERE WERE TWO SIGN APPLICATIONS, AND NO BILLBOARDS WERE DISCONTINUED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. KITTY FOR A LIST OF ALL NEW BUSINESSES IN THE COUNTY SINCE JANUARY, 2009.

STIMULUS MONEY AND GRANTS:

FAA GRANT:

MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT THE BIDS CAME IN ON THE AIRPORT PROJECT, HOWEVER, ONE BIDDER DID NOT RECEIVE ALL THE INFORMATION AND THE PROJECT WAS GOING TO BE REBID.

COPS GRANT:

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT THE COUNTY APPLIED FOR FOUR SRO OFFICERS AND ONLY TWO WERE APPROVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THERE ARE SOME BUDGETARY ISSUES AND SHERIFF JENKINS WANTS TO SHIFT A CURRENT DEPUTY INTO THE SRO SPOT AND HIRE A NEW DEPUTY FOR THE DEPARTMENT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS TO PAY THE SALARY FOR THE 4TH YEAR; HOWEVER, MR. TAYLOR WAS NOT SURE THEY COULD PAY IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE BOTH HAVE AN SRO OFFICER AT THE SCHOOLS.

PLANNING AND BUILDING REVENUE REPORT AND ACTIVE PROJECTS:

DAVID JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT JULY WAS VERY SLOW AND THEY ONLY COLLECTED \$45,000.00.

MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT NO BUILDING PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE RETAIL AREA NEAR WALMART.

MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COMMITTEE THAT THE OCEAN'S BOUNTY SHRIMP FARM IS READY TO START.

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THERE WERE SOME DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTS ISSUED TO CLEAR LAND.

MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT IS STILL SLOW; HOWEVER, THE WELCOME CENTER IS PROGRESSING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE AREA ACROSS THE ROAD FROM MCDONALDS IN HARDEEVILLE IS IN THE SECOND REVIEW STAGE AND THERE IS A SMALL RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT IN HARDEEVILLE.

MR. JIROUSEK REPORTED THAT THE PROPERTY ON SNAKE ROAD WILL BE SUBMITTING PLANS FOR A POTENTIAL LANDFILL WITH A PDD FOR THE LANDFILL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE LANDFILL AND RECLAMATION CENTER IS A FASCINATING PROPOSAL. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO PROVIDE THE CLERK TO COUNCIL WITH A COPY OF THE LETTER FROM MR. NEWTON CONCERNING THE MCIP AND THE CONCERNS ABOUT THE ROAD WIDENING.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. FULGHUM TO DISCUSS THE MOULTRIE PLANTATION ROAD ISSUES WITH ATTORNEY JONES. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD LOOK AT THE ROAD WITH MR. TERRY ON MONDAY.

MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD HAVE A REPORT REGARDING THE NEW HOMES AND AN UPDATE FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT AT THE COUNCIL MEETING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE REPORT WOULD COVER HOW MANY NEW HOMES HAVE BEEN BUILT AND THE TYPE OF HOUSING AND OTHER THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED SINCE THE JOINT PLANNING.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 11:10 A.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN