



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 19, 2016
MINUTES**

5:30 P.M.

Officials Present: Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Vice Chairman D. Thomas Johnson, Councilwoman Barbara Clark, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman Henry Etheridge

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Interim Planning Director Lisa Wagner

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 Sauls called the special called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session – Council Conference Room – Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to go into executive session for Section 30-4-70 (a)(2) -Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates 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 – CRBIP SPEC BUILDING, RIDGELAND/CLAUDE DEAN AIRPORT; and Section 30-4-70(a)(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body – PROJECT ENZO, PROJECT SILVER THUNDER, PROJECT SAND, OKATIE CROSSING AND PROSPECT UPDATE. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

No action was taken as a result of executive session.

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

Invocation- Councilman Etheridge gave the invocation.

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

Approval of the Minutes – 12/01/2014 – Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Presentation and Proclamations

Presentation to Councilwoman Barbara B. Clark – Chairman Sauls presented Councilwoman Clark a plaque of appreciation and recognition of her time as Chairwoman of the Jasper County Council. Councilwoman Clark thanked the Council for the nice gesture and said it is a pleasure to serve the citizens of Jasper County.

L. Martin Sauls, III – Swearing in Deputy Coroners – Coroner Sauls introduced the two new deputy coroners and their families. Judge Kleckley swore in Randy Vaigneur and Todd Harvey as the two deputy coroners.

Ordinances

Lisa Wagner – 3rd Reading of an Ordinance To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-00-01-025 located along Argent Boulevard from the Residential Zone to the General Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map- Ms. Wagner explained that there were no changes to the ordinance since the last reading and the public hearing held and properly advertised. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 3rd Reading of an Ordinance To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 080-00-01-025 located along Argent Boulevard from the Residential Zone to the General Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – 1st Reading of an Ordinance to renew the lease agreement with JC Radio Control Club (by title only)- Mr. Fulghum explained that the CRBIP Advisory Committee requested that the club activities be moved to the rear of the park and the County was in the process of relocating the club. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 1st Reading of an Ordinance to renew the lease agreement with JC Radio Control Club (by title only). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Resolutions – There were no resolutions.

Old Business – There was no old Business.

New Business

Dale Terry – Application to accept extension of a County Road – Mr. Terry explained that Mr. Tracey Cleland requested that the County extend the road to his residence and to include it in the County Road System. Mr. Terry said the road would be a County road. Mr. Terry said the County currently works all but 850 ft. of the road if approved the County would own and maintain the additional 850 feet. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to accept the 850 ft. requested by Mr. Tracey Cleland into the County System. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Rudy Smith, JCTAC, roads for H.4230 funding and update on Stockfarm Road- Mr. Smith provided the Council with a list of roads that the Jasper County Transportation Advisory Committee recommended be improved with the special non-recurring funds provided by the State. Mr. Smith explained that the funds had to be spent on secondary state roads. Mr. Smith said the committee inspected the roads and he explained where the roads were located and the names of the roads that were shown on the list numerically. Mr. Smith said that \$1,118,830 was for SC-425 and it was recently added by the State. Mr. Smith recommended removing that road and that the funds be used for other roads. Mr. Smith said that roads were presented to Mr. Russell to trade for Stockfarm Road, but the state turned them down for various reasons. Mr. Russell said the State did not have the funds to rock the road, but the County could fund it and if the County wants to take over Stockfarm Road, he would have to get it approved. Councilman Etheridge asked if anyone asked to have the road closed. Mr. Russell responded that he had no information on the topic. Councilman Etheridge said that road is used and needed to be maintained. Mr. Russell said there was no money to improve the road. Councilwoman Clark said the County wanted to trade a road for Stockfarm Road and Mr. Russell responded that the roads that were presented did not meet the state specs. Vice Chairman Johnson asked if there were any other roads that could work and Mr. Terry said the only other road would be Ballpark Road. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to remove SC-425 from the list and to approve \$1,332,370.67 for the other roads as presented and the JCTAC will bring other roads to be improved with the balance of the special non-recurring funds. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum and Ronnie Malphrus – Presentation of Bid for speculative building at the CRBIP- Mr. Malphrus informed the Council that the County received 4 bids and that Carlisle Associates reviewed the bids and recommended approving the bid from Brunson Construction Company from Hampton, SC. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to accept the bid from Brunson Construction Company in the amount of \$1,597,000 and to select alternate 3 which will reduce the amount by \$110,000. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve a project budget of \$1,620,560 which includes \$32,000 for Thomas and Hutton to do the Special Inspections and to authorize the County Administrator to execute all the contracts after they are reviewed by the County Attorney. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – Presentation of Professional Service Proposal for extension of the storm water system at CRBIP – Mr. Fulghum requested that the Council approve a professional service contract from Thomas and Hutton in the amount of \$28,650 which has been reduced to \$28,150 and it will be funded with RDA funds to extend the storm water system at CRBP. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the professional service proposal for Thomas and Hutton to extend the storm water system at the CRBIP. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum and Wilbur Daley– Professional Service Proposal permitting of Drone for Emergency Services- Mr. Fulghum explained that permitting and training will be needed for the operation of the EMS drone. Mr. Fulghum asked the Council to approve the professional service proposal from David Pinegar and Mr. Daley said two people will be trained to operate the drone. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the professional service proposal from David Pinegar in the amount of \$1,500. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Committee Reports – Councilwoman Clark reported that she attended a meeting with Dr. Garth concerning ACE and she was still working on getting more funding for transportation. Councilwoman Clark reported that Hwy. 17 and the second bridge will be started in 2018 because the state will not be giving up any money. Councilwoman Clark said she attended the ground breaking at the new welcome center in Hardeeville and she met with Mr. White and Mr. Holbrook. Councilwoman Clark reported on the Joint Councils’ meeting regarding bringing the law enforcement agencies together. Councilman Etheridge said he attended the joint meeting and that he had been in the hospital and thanked everyone for their prayers. Councilman Drayton said he also attended the joint meeting and that the sheriff and the two police chiefs were asked to work with the administrators and come up with a plan. Vice Chairman Johnson reported that he attended the ground breaking and the joint meeting. Vice Chairman Johnson suggested that an access road to the welcome center be built to access the welcome center without going on I-95. Vice Chairman Johnson also discussed Hwy. 321 and that it travels through all the districts of the Southern Carolina Alliance. Chairman Sauls reported that he attended the joint meeting and that a plan is being formulated for a regional forensic lab within the promise zone and that it would be funded by the federal government. Chairman Sauls said the forensic lab would most likely be located in Colleton County. Chairman Sauls also provided information on the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events. Chairman Sauls also announced that United Way is having community meetings to discuss the needs of the County.

Administrator’s Report – Mr. Fulghum discussed the dates and times for the meetings regarding Sgt. Jasper Park Master Plan. Mr. Fulghum also provided information regarding the Old Bailey Road Water and Sewer Project and information on Capitol Projects Sales Tax and what it would yield the County.

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:
Chairman Sauls opened the floor to the public.

Hampton Lloyd – Able Construction Recycling Yard – Mr. Lloyd thanked Mr. Terry for the speed bumps that were installed, but he said they were stolen and new ones needed to be put in. Mr. Lloyd said he was concerned about the health and safety in his residential neighborhood and he said he was told that dust barriers were to be installed to keep harmful particles from being airborne. Mr. Lloyd discussed a company called Nature Calls and that they did not have a business license and when he reported it to the business license director he was told that illegal companies do illegal things and he could not do anything about it. Mr. Lloyd said the neighbors asked the company to start work at 7:00 a.m. not 4:45 a.m. but they were ignored. Mr. Lloyd said the company is defrauding the County, they are not paying taxes and they are tearing up the roads.

Dean Bell (on behalf of Chandler Lloyd) – Able Construction Recycling Yard- Mr. Bell said that he was representing Chandler Lloyd –Able construction and that Able Construction has been operating since 2006 and the property is legally zoned and the business has operated for 2.5 years per a special exception. Mr. Bell said this was a private land dispute and a private issue and should not have come before Council. Mr. Bell said the issues are being addressed. Being no further comments, Chairman Sauls closed the floor to the public.

Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Adjourn

The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

L. Martin Sauls, IV
Chairman