



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
JANUARY 3, 2011, 4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT - GEORGE HOOD-CHAIRMAN, LEROY BLACKSHEAR-VICE CHAIRMAN, HENRY ETHERIDGE-COUNCILMAN, REV. SAMUEL GREGORY-COUNCILMAN, HUBERT TYLER-COUNCILMAN

STAFF PRESENT-ANDREW FULGHUM-ADMINISTRATOR, RONNIE MALPHRUS DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, WILBUR DALEY-DIRECTOR OF EMS, DALE TERRY-DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, JUDITH FRANK-CLERK TO COUNCIL, SHERIFF JENKINS, MARVIN JONES – ATTORNEY, DAVID JIROUSEK- BUILDING AND PLANNING DIRECTOR, CHRISTY HERMAN-SPECIAL PROJECTS 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 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION - VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE 12/06/2010 AND 12/09/2010 MEETINGS, THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

JUDGE JOSEPH MALPHRUS - OATH OF OFFICE

THEODUS L. DRAYTON AND L. MARTIN SAULS, IV

JUDGE JOSEPH MALPHRUS OFFICIATED AT THE SWEARING INTO OFFICE OF COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON AND L. MARTIN SAULS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON RECOGNIZED HIS DAUGHTER LASAUNDRA DRAYTON, ATTORNEY

CHISOLM AND DR. WASHINGTON. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON THANKED THE CITIZENS FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PROMISED TO DO THE BEST THAT HE COULD FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. COUNCILMAN SAULS THANKED THE MANY PEOPLE WHO HELPED HIM GET ELECTED. COUNCILMAN SAULS ALSO THANKED HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS -PRESENTATION TO DR. GEORGE M. HOOD AND PRESENTATION TO MR. HUBERT TYLER- MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED DR. HOOD WITH A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS 8 YEARS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL. DR. HOOD THANKED THE PEOPLE FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE FOR 8 YEARS. DR. HOOD SAID WHEN HE CAME TO JASPER COUNTY HE ONLY PLANNED TO STAY FOR 3 YEARS AND HE HAS BEEN HERE FOR 16 YEARS. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WAS LEAVING THE COUNCIL IN THE GOOD HANDS OF COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND SAULS.

MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED MR. TYLER WITH A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS FOUR YEARS ON COUNTY COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE MR. TYLER HAD THE SPECIAL ABILITY TO ARGUE A POINT IN A DIPLOMATIC WAY. MR. TYLER SAID THAT HE WAS ASKED TO SERVE BY REV. MCCLARY AND HE PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST. MR. TYLER SAID THAT HE HAS COMPLETED HIS TERM AS HE PROMISED AND HE DID THE BEST THAT HE COULD FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY
CHAIRMAN HOOD TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO MR. FULGHUM.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS –CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN – MR. FULGHUM CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE NOMINATED COUNCILMAN DRAYTON; COUNCILMAN DRAYTON DECLINED THE NOMINATION AND NOMINATED COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR; COUNCILMAN SAULS NOMINATED COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MR. FULGHUM ASKED FOR THE VOTE FOR COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR FOR CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED FOR COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AND COUNCILMAN SAULS VOTED AGAINST. MR. FULGHUM DID NOT CALL FOR A VOTE FOR COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE BECAUSE COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR RECEIVED THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN. MR. FULGHUM TURNED THE MEETING OVER TO CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED FOR NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON NOMINATED COUNCILMAN GREGORY. COUNCILMAN SAULS NOMINATED COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE NOMINATIONS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED FOR THE VOTE FOR COUNCILMAN GREGORY FOR VICE CHAIRMAN. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN DRAYTON AND COUNCILMAN GREGORY VOTED FOR COUNCILMAN GREGORY. COUNCILMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR DID

NOT CALL FOR A VOTE FOR COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE AS COUNCILMAN GREGORY RECEIVED THE MAJORITY OF THE VOTES. COUNCILMAN GREGORY WAS ELECTED VICE CHAIRMAN.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND PROMISED TO SERVE TO THE BEST OF HIS ABILITY WITH INTEGRITY AND THE MEETING WILL BE STRICKLY BUSINESS.

VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR ELECTING HIM VICE CHAIRMAN AND HE SAID HE WOULD REPRESENT THE COUNTY WELL.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

DAVID JIROUSEK – 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THOSE PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02-002, AND 039-00-02-003 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – DAVID JIROUSEK PROVIDED THE LOCATION OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES AS BEING LOCATED ALONG SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION REQUESTED A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION FROM COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL (GC) FOR PARCEL 039-00-02-004. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THIS PROPERTY HAS ONE EXISTING COMMERCIAL STRUCTURE ON SITE WHICH PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS A BINGO HALL. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE APPLICANT REQUESTED A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH AN ENTERTAINMENT VENUE KNOW AS STALLIONS, AS THE VENUE ALSO INCLUDES THE SALE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER AMUSEMENT/RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THE GC DESIGNATION WAS REQUIRED. SINCE THE INITIAL APPLICATION, THE ORIGINAL PARCEL HAS BEEN ANNEXED INTO HARDEEVILLE AS GENERAL COMMERCIAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT BASED ON A DISCUSSION DURING THE MAY 11TH PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING, THE CLUSTER OF PROPERTIES WERE CONSIDERED AS A GROUP REZONING TO AVOID SPOT-ZONING CLAIMS, AS ONE PARCEL WILL NOT BE SINGLED OUT FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION AND BENEFIT. THEREFORE, PARCELS 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02-002, AND 039-00-02-003 ARE INCLUDED WITHIN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THAT COUNCIL THAT DURING THIS TIME, THE OWNERS OF THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES WERE INFORMED OF THE COUNTY'S INTENT TO PURSUE A GROUP REZONING TO GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND VERBALLY PROVIDED SUPPORT; HOWEVER, ON AUGUST 16TH, 2011, NO ACTION WAS TAKEN ON THE APPLICATION. THEREFORE, THIS ITEM IS BACK BEFORE COUNCIL AS THE LANDOWNERS STILL DESIRE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONING. MR. JIROUSEK CONTINUED STATING THAT ACCORDING TO THE 2007 JASPER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK OF THE COUNTY "USES A DEVELOPMENT AREA CONCEPT TO MANAGE FUTURE GROWTH SPEEDWAY BLVD. REZONING 2 OF 5 BY ENCOURAGING AND ENHANCING GROWTH PATTERNS THAT HAVE NATURALLY OCCURRED

WITHIN THE COUNTY." MR. JIROUSEK CONTINUED STATING THAT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GENERALLY STATED THAT THE HARDEEVILLE "JOINT PLANNING AREA" WAS A LOCATION APPROPRIATE FOR FUTURE GROWTH AND FURTHERMORE, THE ZONING MAP ALREADY DESIGNATES THIS AREA AS A COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK LISTED THE FACTORS THAT MUST BE CONSIDERED, AND THE VARIOUS USES OF THE NEW ZONING DISTRICT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ANY REDEVELOPMENT OR EXPANSION PLANS MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL SCDOT ENCROACHMENT PERMITTING AND COUNTY TRAFFIC STUDY REVIEW. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THERE WERE TWO ROUNDS OF PUBLIC NOTICE LETTERS THAT WERE SENT TO THE ADJACENT LAND OWNERS, THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING AND THE POSTING AND THE NEWSPAPER AD WAS DONE 15 DAYS PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF RECOMMEND APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY STATED THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED PREVIOUSLY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS PRESENTED IN JULY AND AUGUST, BUT IT WAS TABLED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THOSE PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 039-00-02-001, 039-00-02-002, AND 039-00-02-003 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE TO THE GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-01-014 GENERALLY LOCATED ON SC 462 FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. DESCRIPTION: MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE SUBJECT 7.15 ACRE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 305 LOWCOUNTRY DRIVE (SC 462) AND THAT THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE DESIGNATION FROM RESIDENTIAL (R) TO INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (ID). THE SUBJECT PROPERTY HAS ONE EXISTING 90,486 SQUARE FOOT BUILDING ON SITE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REQUEST WAS MADE TO ENSURE THE STRUCTURE CAN BE USED AS ORIGINALLY INTENDED WHEN LAWFULLY CONSTRUCTED. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION AND REQUEST WAS REVIEWED AND CONSIDERING THE 2007 JC COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, THE PLAN THE RECOMMENDED DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK OF THE COUNTY "USES A DEVELOPMENT AREA CONCEPT TO MANAGE FUTURE GROWTH BY ENCOURAGING AND ENHANCING GROWTH PATTERNS THAT HAVE NATURALLY OCCURRED WITHIN THE COUNTY." MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN GENERALLY STATED THAT THE HARDEEVILLE "JOINT

PLANNING AREA" WAS A LOCATION APPROPRIATE FOR FUTURE GROWTH, BUT THERE IS LITTLE GUIDANCE ON LAND USE APPLICATIONS BESIDES THIS FACT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE OTHER FACTORS THAT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARE THE ADJACENT ZONING, ADJACENT LAND USE, TRAFFIC, AVAILABLE ZONING DISTRICTS, MUNICIPAL COORDINATION AND GOVERNMENT SERVICES. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED DENIAL OF THE REQUEST, HOWEVER, THE STAFF RECOMMENDED APPROVAL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT AT THE LAST MEETING, THE MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND VOTED ON, HOWEVER THE AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WAS REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS NOT INCORPORATED INTO THE MOTION PRIOR TO THE VOTE. COUNCILMAN SAULS STATED THAT SEVERAL BUSINESSES WERE LOCATED IN THE BUILDING AND NO WORK WAS DONE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE BUILDING IS A LEGAL NON-CONFORMING USE TO THE ZONING. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF MR. PATTERSON HAD THE SIGNATURE FROM THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. MR. PATTERSON SAID THAT HE HAD A SIGNATURE FROM TODD MALPHRUS AND THE 2 MOBILE HOME OWNERS INDICATED THEY DID NOT HAVE A PROBLEM. MR. PATTERSON SAID THE OTHER OWNER IS IN THE MILITARY. MR. PATTERSON SAID HE DID NOT THINK HE WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEMS GETTING THE CONSENT FROM ALL THE PROPERTY OWNERS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON STATED THAT THE PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED THE REQUEST BECAUSE OF CONCERN FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THAT MR. PATTERSON HAD THE CONSENT FROM ONLY ONE OWNER. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE COUNTY NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PEOPLE KNEW WHAT THEY WERE AGREEING TO. MR. PATTERSON SAID HE SPOKE WITH THE PROPERTY OWNERS AND THEY SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION. MR. JIROUSEK SAID LETTERS WERE MAILED AND THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ADVERTISED AND HE HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY FEEDBACK. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THIS HAS MOVED FORWARD IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION DENIED THE REQUEST. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE REQUEST WOULD HAVE MOVED FORWARD EVEN IF THE PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED THE REQUEST. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WERE 2 OR THREE MOBILE HOMES AND WERE THEY ALL LIVABLE. MR. PATTERSON SAID THEY ALL LOOKED LIVABLE AND THAT THERE WERE TWO MOBILE HOMES ON ONE LOT AND HE WOULD NEED THE CONSENT FROM WILLIE RICE AND DANIELLE MOORE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. BARBARA BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING THAT IS BEING REQUESTED WOULD ALLOW TOO MANY USES THAT SHOULD NOT BE IN THAT LOCATION, WHICH IS CLOSE TO A SCHOOL AND THE HOMES. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THE TRAFFIC WOULD INCREASE AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE FACILITY IS BADLY DESIGNED. MS. BARTOLDUS ASKED THE COUNCIL NOT TO APPROVE THE INDUSTRIAL ZONING REQUEST. FREDDY BRANTLEY AGREED WITH MS. BARTOLDUS AND SAID THAT A LOT OF TIMES THE ADJOINING PROPERTY OWNERS ARE NOT GIVEN ALL THE CORRECT INFORMATION AND ONCE THE ZONING IS CHANGED, IT IS TOO LATE. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED

THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE RESIDENTS AND THAT WHILE THE CURRENT BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE BUILDING ARE OKAY, IF THE ZONING IS CHANGED THEY CANNOT BE SURE WHAT WILL GO INTO THAT BUILDING OR ON THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON RECOMMENDED NOT APPROVING THE REQUEST. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THE RESIDENTS WERE NOT GETTING THE WHOLE STORY AND REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW THE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 081-00-01-014 GENERALLY LOCATED ON SC 462 FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. DESCRIPTION, BUT PRIOR TO THE THIRD READING THE COUNCIL BE PROVIDED IN WRITING FROM THE LANDOWNERS THAT THEY KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON AND THAT THEY CONSENT TO THE ZONING CHANGE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL TO HAVE THE COUNTY ATTORNEY REVIEW THE INFORMATION BEING PROVIDED TO THE LANDOWNERS TO MAKE SURE IT MEETS WITH APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL.

DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS REPEAL SECTION 8.8 AND TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-121 TO 25-134 SO AS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW AND CLEARLY STATE PROCEDURES, POLICIES, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING AND ROAD NAMING IN JASPER COUNTY.

MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE EMS, PLANNING, AND BUILDING SERVICES STAFF REVIEWED AND REVISED THE ROAD NAMING AND ADDRESSING ORDINANCE DUE TO THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN ARTICLE 8.8 OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND SECTION 25, ARTICLE III OF THE JASPER COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE PROPOSED REVISIONS ARE DUE TO THE INCONSISTENCY BETWEEN CURRENT ORDINANCES AS THEY RELATE TO APPROVAL AUTHORITY (STATE LAW AUTHORIZES PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE ROAD NAMES); UNCLEAR PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ROAD NAMING; AND INCREASED PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF RECOMMENDS AN ORDINANCE THAT REPEALS ARTICLE 8.8 OF THE JASPER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND THAT COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-121 THROUGH SECTION 25-134 BE AMENDED. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID IF THE AUTHORITY IS SOLELY IN THE HANDS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION, THEN WHY BRING THIS TO COUNCIL. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT THE COUNCIL HAS TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WOULD INCLUDE A COPY OF THE STATE LAW IN THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING PACKET. CHAIRMAN

BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT CURRENTLY THE CODE AND LDR ARE INCORRECT AND THIS CHANGE IS NEEDED TO BE COMPLIANT WITH STATE LAW. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT ONLY THE COUNCIL CAN CHANGE AN ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS REPEAL SECTION 8.8 AND TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY CODE SECTION 25-121 TO 25-134 SO AS TO ENSURE CONSISTENCY WITH STATE LAW AND CLEARLY STATE PROCEDURES, POLICIES, REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR ADDRESSING AND ROAD NAMING IN JASPER COUNTY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK - PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF JAPER COUNTY'S INTEREST, IF ANY, IN .23 ACRE, MORE OR LESS TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND BY QUITCLAIM DEED. THIS REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED BETWEEN I-95 NORTHBOUND, EXIT 21 OFF RAMP AND SYCAMORE DRIVE WITH THE NORTH MOST CORNER MARKER INTERSECTING WITH MAIN STREET/S.C. HIGHWAY 336 RIGHT-OF-WAY; AND HAS NOT YET BEEN ASSIGNED A JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER - MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE OFFICIALS FROM THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY EXECUTE A QUITCLAIM DEED FOR A PORTION OF PROPERTY BETWEEN SYCAMORE STREET AND THE I-95 EXIT RAMP. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE QUITCLAIM DEED TRANSFERS COUNTY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY (IF ANY) TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND. MR. JIROUSEK ADDED THAT THE DEED DOES NOT CONFIRM THAT THE COUNTY OWNS ANY PORTION OF THE PROPERTY (NO RECORDS SHOW COUNTY OWNERSHIP). MR. JIROUSEK PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY AND SAID THAT THE QUICKCLAIM IS NEEDED FOR SIGNAGE FOR A PROPOSED FAST-FOOD RESTAURANT WITHIN RIDGELAND MUNICIPAL LIMITS (NEXT TO WENDY'S). CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND WOULD MAINTAIN THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT MAINTENANCE OF THE PROPERTY WOULD BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE WAS NO RECORD OF WHO ACTUALLY OWNS THE PROPERTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE CONVEYANCE OF JAPER COUNTY'S INTEREST, IF ANY, IN .23 ACRE, MORE OR LESS TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND BY QUITCLAIM DEED. THIS REAL PROPERTY IS LOCATED BETWEEN I-95 NORTHBOUND, EXIT 21 OFF RAMP AND SYCAMORE DRIVE WITH THE NORTH MOST CORNER MARKER INTERSECTING WITH MAIN

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DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE POINT SOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PLAN AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE JASPER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE POINT SOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (CID) PLAN IS THE OVERALL STRATEGY BY WHICH JASPER COUNTY MAY CARRY OUT IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE PROJECT AREA TO INCREASE TOURISM, ENHANCE VITALITY, PREVENT DETERIORATION AND PRESERVE THE TAX BASE AT THE EXIT 33 INTERCHANGE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT A VISION FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT WAS CREATED THAT ALLOWS BUSINESSES TO BENEFIT FROM INCREASED TOURIST-RELATED TRAVEL, AS THE INTERCHANGE IS CONSIDERED A KEY “GATEWAY” TO VACATION DESTINATIONS: THOSE TRAVELING FROM THE SOUTH TO THE CHARLESTON AREA OR THOSE TRAVELING FROM THE NORTH TO THE BEAUFORT AREA. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT ULTIMATELY, IMPROVEMENTS MAY POTENTIALLY BE FINANCED THROUGH A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT, TIF, AND OTHER POSSIBLE INNOVATIVE METHODS WHILE ZONING TOOLS WILL BE USED TO ENSURE HIGH-QUALITY DEVELOPMENT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION IS RECOMMENDED TO BE PRIORITIZED, PHASED AND INCREMENTAL OVER 20-30 YEARS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY BOND COUNSEL. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT A-TAX AND H-TAX FUNDING (\$60,000) WAS USED TO PREPARE THIS PLAN IN ADDITION TO A FULL ENGINEERING ASSESSMENT, 3D COMPUTER MODEL AND PREPARATION OF ZONING RECOMMENDATIONS. MR. JIROUSEK REMINDED THE COUNCIL THAT THE POINT SOUTH BUSINESSES CONTRIBUTE APPROXIMATELY 85% OF THE COUNTY’S ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOSPITALITY TAXES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT TOURISM, AS WELL AS OTHER IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THE CID PLAN. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ADDED THAT POINT SOUTH IS THE ONLY EXIT ON I-95 THAT THE COUNTY RECEIVES ANY A-TAX OR H-TAX AND THEY PAID FOR THE STUDY THEMSELVES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE POINT SOUTH COUNTY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PLAN AS AN ATTACHMENT TO THE JASPER COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 038-05-00-003 AND 038-05-00-004 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SPLIT ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE

ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP - MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES CONSIST OF 3.10 AND 3.82 ACRES AT 5734 AND 5678 SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD AND THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE SPLIT DESIGNATION OF COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) AND RESIDENTIAL (R) TO COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL (CC) FOR EACH FULL PARCEL. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE SUBJECT PROPERTIES INCLUDE A STRUCTURE OF APPROXIMATELY 6,000 SQUARE FEET (5734 SPEEDWAY) AND ANOTHER OF APPROXIMATELY 20,000 SQUARE FEET (5678 SPEEDWAY). THE APPLICANT HAS REQUESTED A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF DUAL ZONING DESIGNATION AND LACK OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FEASIBILITY TOWARD THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES. MR. JIROUSEK COMMENTED THAT THE ZONING MAP AMENDMENT APPLICATION AND REQUEST WAS REVIEWED BY CONSIDERING THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ADJACENT ZONING AND ADJACENT LAND USE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT EXACTLY ARE THEY REQUESTING. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE LANDOWNER WOULD LIKE FOR THEIR PARCEL TO BE ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND NOT BE SPLIT ZONED. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE TREE LINE BUFFER WOULD HAVE TO STAY IN PLACE. COUNCILMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER PROPERTIES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBERS 038-05-00-003 AND 038-05-00-004 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON SPEEDWAY BOULEVARD FROM THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL SPLIT ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND TO ADOPT SECTION 3:6.2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF CERTAIN FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE HAS BEEN DRAFTED SO THAT WILL GRANT COUNTY COUNCIL THE AUTHORITY TO REIMBURSE PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES PERMIT FEES TO DEVELOPERS AND BUILDERS OF QUALIFYING AFFORDABLE HOUSING EFFORTS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THIS ORDINANCE AUTHORIZES COUNCIL TO GRANT REFUND REQUESTS ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS AFTER WEIGHING THE COST OF PLANNING AND BUILDING REVIEW AND INSPECTIONS VERSUS THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT OF THE PROJECT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WITHIN THE ORDINANCE IS A DEFINITION FOR “AFFORDABLE HOUSING” WHICH IS QUOTED DIRECTLY FROM STATE PLANNING ENABLING LEGISLATION. MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE ORDINANCE ALSO ENSURES CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS ARE MET PRIOR TO A PROJECT BECOMING ELIGIBLE TO REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT FROM COUNTY

COUNCIL, SUCH AS FACTUALLY PROVING THE DWELLING UNIT(S) WERE SOLD AS "AFFORDABLE" UNITS, WITH ANNUAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING NOT EXCEEDING 28% OF ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR A HOUSEHOLD EARNING NO MORE THAN 80% OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN INCENTIVES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING; PROVIDE A DEFINITION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING; AND TO ADOPT SECTION 3:6.2 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR REFUND OF CERTAIN FEES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

RESOLUTIONS

RONNIE MALPHRUS – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; THE CONSENT TO THE DELIVERY OF A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERE TO – MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THIS HAS BEEN DONE ANNUALLY AND HAS TO BE RENEWED OR PAID OFF BY FEB. 1, 2011.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY PLANNED TO DO PERMANENT FINANCING IN ABOUT 6 MONTHS FOR BOTH THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND THE COURTHOUSE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY COULD DO THE BOND TOGETHER. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE AMOUNT HE WAS REQUESTING THE COUNCIL WAS NOT TO EXCEED \$6,975,000, BUT HE EXPECTED IT TO BE LESS. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED WHEN THEY WOULD DO THE LONG TERM FINANCING AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY PLANNED TO DO BOTH IN JULY DEPENDING ON THE INTEREST RATES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH OF AN INCREASE WAS THERE FROM LAST YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT WAS \$6,735,000. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHEN THEY WILL KNOW THE EXACT AMOUNT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE WAS REQUESTING A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT AS HE DID NOT HAVE THE EXACT FIGURES. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE RESOLUTION ALSO AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE DOCUMENTS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SHORT TERM RATES ARE MORE FAVORABLE AT THIS TIME. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE WAITING UNTIL THE COURTHOUSE WAS COMPLETE AND THEY CAN DO ONE OR TWO SEPARATE ISSUANCES. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE LONG TERM RATE IS HIGHER THAN EXPECTED AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY COULD ROLL IT OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS HAD TO BE DONE AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY HAD TO DO IT THIS WAY OR PAY OFF WHAT IS OWED. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WILL THE COUNCIL KNOW THE INTEREST RATE PRIOR TO SIGNING. MR. MALPHRUS SAID HE COULD CALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS INDIVIDUALLY AND GIVE THEM THE RATE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THIS WAS THE ONLY WAY TO DO THIS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WAS THE ONLY WAY HE KNEW AND THEY WOULD NOT KNOW THE INTEREST

RATE UNTIL A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO CLOSING. MR. FULGHUM SAID THIS IS THE WAY THE FINANCING HAS ALWAYS BEEN DONE AND THE FINANCIAL ADVISOR WILL CONTACT HIM WITH THE RATE AND HE WILL NOTIFY COUNCIL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED TO HAVE A WORKSHOP ON THIS MATTER PRIOR TO APPROVAL. THE MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT HE FELT IT WAS CLEARLY EXPLAINED AND THIS HAD TO BE DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SUGGESTED IF THE NEW COUNCILMAN WANTED A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING THEY COULD MEET WITH MR. MALPHRUS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION OF INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES; THE CONSENT TO THE DELIVERY OF A THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT BY ST. PETERS PARISH/JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC FACILITIES CORPORATION; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERE TO. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,255,000 SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA- MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS THE SAME TYPE OF FINANCING AND IT IS FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THIS IS PAID FOR FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PORTION OF THE FILOT WITH SCANA. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST HAS BEEN PAID ON THIS BAN. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE FAVORABLE INTEREST RATE IS WHY THE FINANCING HAS BEEN DONE LIKE THIS AND THEY HAVE NOT DONE PERMANENT FINANCING AS THEY ARE WAITING FOR A MORE FAVORABLE INTEREST RATE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID BANS STARTED AT ABOUT \$7,000,000 AND CURRENTLY \$5,075,000 IS OWED. MR. MALPHRUS REQUESTED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,255, 000. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTIO TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF NOT EXCEEDING \$5,255,000 SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS OF JASPER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS – THERE WAS NO OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HENRY LAWTON AND JIMMY BAKER – REQUEST FROM TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE- MR. BAKER ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. MR. BAKER SAID THAT MRS. FRANK HAS BEEN PROVIDING THIS SUPPORT AND HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB AND THEY WOULD

LIKE TO REQUEST THAT SHE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MRS. FRANK IF SHE WANTED TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE AND SHE RESPONDED THAT SHE WOULD BE HAPPY TO. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT MRS. FRANK CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MAYOR BOSTICK – TAXES – MAYOR BOSTICK REQUESTED THAT THE COUNTY WORK WITH HARDEEVILLE TO REDUCE THE TAXES. MAYOR BOSTICK SAID HARDEEVILLE HAS BEEN CUTTING COSTS TO HELP LOWER THE TAXES. MAYOR BOSTICK SAID THE ECONOMY HAS NOT CHANGED FOR THE BETTER AND HE FELT IT COST TOO MUCH TO LIVE IN HARDEEVILLE AND JASPER COUNTY. MAYOR BOSTICK SAID INDIVIDUAL'S PROPERTY TAXES NEED TO BE REDUCED AND DEVELOPER'S FEES NEED ADJUSTED. MAYOR BOSTICK COMPARED TAXES IN BEAUFORT COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR THANKED MAYOR BOSTICK AND SAID THAT THE COUNTY LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE MUNICIPALITIES TO CUT TAXES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – THERE WERE NO COMMITTEE REPORTS.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT AT THE EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY THE LENGTH OF SERVICE OF CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR WAS INCORRECTLY REPORTED. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR A 15 YEAR PIN. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR HAS SERVED 13.5 YEARS AS THE VA OFFICER AND 6 YEARS ON COUNCIL. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY TOLD MR. FULGHUM HE HAS NEVER RECEIVED A PIN FOR HIS 10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COUNTY.

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

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. GARY HODGES, MAYOR OF RIDGELAND, SAID HE FELT THAT TAXES SHOULD BE ONE OF THE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT THE NEXT JOINT MEETING. MAYOR HODGES WELCOMED COUNCILMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON. MAYOR HODGES TOLD THE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS THAT THEY NEEDED TO MAKE JASPER COUNTY BETTER, THEY NEEDED TO ATTEND ALL THE MEETINGS, AND TO BE PREPARED.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

ADJOURN – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 6:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

APPROVED BY:

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN