



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 7, 2013, 4:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

Officials Present: Chairman Samuel Gregory, Vice Chairman Martin Sauls IV, Councilman Leroy Blackshear, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman Johnson, Councilwoman Clark

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Deputy Administrator Dr. George Hood, Atty. Marvin Jones, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Planning Director LeNolon Edge, Probate Judge Kleckley, Director of Parks and Recreation Johnny Davis, Sheriff Jenkins, Assessor Susan Waite, Auditor Hazel Holmes, Clerk of Court Margaret Bostick, Business License Coordinator Renty Kitty, HR Director Gloria Lucas

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 Gregory called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance – Chairman Gregory led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation- Vice Chairman Sauls gave the invocation.

Approval of the minutes From 12/03/2012 And 12/20/2012 – Vice Chairman Sauls motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 12/03/2012 and 12/20/ 2012 County Council meetings. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Probate Judge Kleckley - Installation of New Council Members – Probate Judge Kleckley swore in the Councilman Etheridge, Councilwoman Clark and Councilman Johnson.

Vice Chairman Sauls - Presentations to Outgoing Council Members – Vice Chairman Sauls presented plaques of appreciation to Rev. Gregory and Mr. Blackshear for their years of service on the County Council. Rev. Gregory said it had been a pleasure to serve the citizens of Jasper County and he was not going anywhere, that he planned to continue to fight for the citizens of Jasper County. Mr. Blackshear thanked the Party, the citizens and the administration. Mr. Blackshear said he was satisfied and has no regrets and he is satisfied with what was accomplished while he was on Council and he did everything to the best of his ability and for what he thought was the best for the citizens of Jasper County.

Andrew Fulghum - Election of Officers

Mr. Fulghum asked for nominations for the Chairman. Councilman Sauls nominated Councilman Etheridge. Councilwoman Clark asked that the nominations be closed. Mr. Fulghum called for the vote. Councilmembers Etheridge, Johnson, Clark and Sauls voted for; Councilman Drayton abstained. Councilman Etheridge was elected chairman. Chairman Etheridge asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Councilman Sauls nominated Barbara Clark; Councilman Johnson asked that the nominations be closed. Chairman Etheridge called for the vote. Councilmembers Sauls, Johnson, Drayton, Clark and Chairman Etheridge voted for; Councilwoman Clark was elected as Vice Chairman. Chairman Etheridge thanked everyone for their support and said that he would do the best that he can for the citizens of Jasper County. Chairman Etheridge said the citizens can call him anytime. Vice Chairwoman Clark said that it is a pleasure to serve on County Council and it is an honor to serve as Vice Chairwoman and she is going to do what is right and it is honor to serve the people of Jasper County. Vice Chairwoman Clark said she is on Council to serve all the citizens.

Approval of the Agenda – Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Proclamations and Presentations - Proclamation Recognizing SCANA Corporation – Chairman Etheridge presented the proclamation recognizing SCANA Corporation to Steve Palmer. Mr. Palmer presented Chairman Etheridge with a picture of the SCANA Generating Station located in Jasper County.

Chairman Etheridge said that the Probate Judge was present to swear in L. Martin Sauls, III, and Jasper County Coroner. Judge Kleckley thanked the citizens for their support and told the citizens that they could not find a man more devoted to Jasper County than L. Martin Sauls, III.

Ordinances

LeNolon Edge- Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Official Zoning Map Of Jasper County So As To Transfer Property Bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-00-02-002 Located At the Intersection of Speedway Blvd. And Alligator Alley from the Community Commercial to the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map- Mr. Edge explained that this was the public hearing and 2nd reading of the ordinance and that no changes were made since the 1st reading. Councilman Johnson said while he was in favor of granting the request, he wanted to know if it was really necessary and he felt that doesn't seem right that they cannot plant mushrooms on property that is zoned community commercial. Councilman Johnson said he felt this should be investigated for the future and asked that Mr. Edge provide a recommendation. Vice Chairwoman Clark asked if any noise was involved. Mr. Edge said the business was done indoors and he did not think noise was involved. Chairman Etheridge opened the public hearing. Mr. Wolverton said he owned the adjacent property and he wanted to make sure that this zoning change was only for JC tax map number 038-00-02-002 and Mr. Edge said that it was only for that parcel. Mr. Wolverton asked what was going to be there and Mr. Edge said an indoor mushroom farm and there would be 30 indoor employees. Councilman Drayton asked why the Council did not receive a map showing the location of the property. Chairman Etheridge commented that the Council was provided a map at the 1st reading. Councilman Drayton told Mr. Edge to be sure to include a map for the 3rd reading. Being no further comments, Chairman Etheridge closed the public hearing. Councilman Sauls 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 property bearing Jasper County tax map number 038-00-02-002 located at the intersection of Speedway Blvd. And Alligator Alley from the community commercial to the rural preservation zone on the Jasper County official zoning map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Resolutions - None

Old Business Appointment Of Member To Library Board – Patricia Dupont appeared before Council as requested by Council. Councilman Drayton said he liked to meet the people being nominated. Councilman Sauls thanked Ms. Dupont for being willing to serve. Councilman Sauls motioned and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Patricia Dupont to the Library Board. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

New Business - None

Committee Reports – Councilman Sauls announced that the State of The County Breakfast is being held on Jan. 23, 2013 at Hilton Head Lakes. Chairman Etheridge reported on the state mandates and that the mandates total \$3,052,000 and the state only provides \$957,000 towards paying for the mandates. Chairman Etheridge asked the citizens to contact their representatives and request more local government funds.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Fulghum said the Council was provided his report information and his progress report in their packet. Mr. Fulghum asked the Council to prepare for Lobby Day in Columbia on Jan. 29, 2013. Mr. Fulghum told the Council he will be meeting with the engineers concerning the paving of Nimmer Turf Road and that there was a new agency to fund infrastructure in rural areas. Mr. Fulghum said that he was going to pursue funding from this agency for Hardeeville Industrial Park. Mr. Fulghum said that Mr. Phil Richardson, with the SC Economic Alliance is looking for big things to happen in 2013.

Open Floor To The Public –Per Ordinance 08-17 Any Citizen Of The County May Sign To Speak Before The Council Meeting On Matters Pertaining To County Services And Operations. Presentations Will Be Limited to Three (3) Minutes (Total Public Input Will Be Limited to 30 Minutes) – There were no comments.

Adjourn – Councilman Sauls motioned and Vice Chairwoman Clark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk To Council

Henry Etheridge
Chairman

