

**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
MARY GORDON ELLIS EXECUTIVE BUILDING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OCTOBER 13, 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
WILBUR DALEY, DEP. ADM. EMERGENCY SERVICES
JUDITH M. FRANK, CLERK TO COUNCIL
MARVIN JONES, COUNTY ATTORNEY
DAVID JIROUSEK, PLANNING DIRECTOR
LISA LAMB, PLANNING AND ZONING COORDINATOR

STAFF ABSENT:

EVELYN LEE, DEPUTY CLERK TO COUNCIL
DALE TERRY, DEP. ADM. ENGINEERING 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 4:06 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION:

VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN GAVE THE INVOCATION.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8.

2008 MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS:

CHAIRMAN HOOD - RECOGNITION OF JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT TEACHERS OF THE YEAR:

CHAIRMAN HOOD PRESENTED CERTIFICATES TO THE FIVE JASPER COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHERS OF THE YEAR AT THE SCHOOL WHERE THEY ARE ASSIGNED, SHIRLEY HECTOR- RIDGELAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INGRID SCOTT – HARDEEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, WILLI BOLES – RIDGELAND HIGH SCHOOL, AMSAVALLI VELAYUTHAN- HARDEEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AND CHRISTINA WALKER – RIDGELAND MIDDLE SCHOOL. MS. CHRISTINA WALKER WAS NAMED JASPER COUNTY TEACHER OF THE YEAR.

SHAWN JADRNICKEK, JASPER COUNTY FARMERS' MARKET MANAGER- UPDATE ON THE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS AT THE FARMERS' MARKET:

MR. JADRNICKEK REPORTED TO THE COUNCIL THE EVENTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AT THE FARMERS' MARKET. MR. JADRNICKEK STATED THAT THE RETAIL MARKET HAS 12 REGULAR VENDORS AND AT TIMES UP TO 30 VENDORS; THE WHOLESALE MARKET WILL OPEN AGAIN ON OCTOBER 20, 2008 AND THERE HAVE BEEN 12-15 FARMERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED. MR. JADRNICKEK SAID THAT DURING THE FIRST PART OF THE YEAR THE SALES WERE APPROXIMATELY \$10,000.00. MR. JADRNICKEK REPORTED THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL EVENTS HELD AT THE FARMERS' MARKET INCLUDING A FUNDRAISER, AN EVENING CHURCH SERVICE AND THE GOPHER HILL DANCE. MR. JADRNICKEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT A MULTI-DENOMINATIONAL PRAYER MEETING, A HALLOWEEN FALL FESTIVAL, AN ARTS AND CRAFT SHOW AND A HUNGER FREE ZONE FUND RAISER ARE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

HONEY JOHNSON SAID THE CITIZENS HAVE CALLED TO VOICE THEIR APPRECIATION OF HAVING THE FARMERS' MARKET RENOVATED. MS. JOHNSON REPORTED HOW THE FUNDS WERE RAISED AND HOW IT COST VERY FEW OF THE COUNTY TAX DOLLARS TO DO THE RENOVATION. MS. JOHNSON ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE DEDICATION OF THE HISTORICAL MARKER FOR THE GRAYS SCHOOL WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 2, 2008 AND THAT THE PUBLIC WAS INVITED TO ATTEND. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN COMMENTED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE RENOVATION PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSPAPER. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MS. JOHNSON TO PUT THE INFORMATION IN THE NEWSPAPER.

CHRIS KING FORESTRY COMMISSION – PRESENTATION OF CHECK FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES:

MR. KING OF THE FORESTRY COMMISSION PRESENTED CHAIRMAN HOOD WITH A CHECK FOR \$671.03. MR. KING SAID THAT THIS IS A PERCENTAGE

OF THE REVENUE FROM THE TILLMAN FACILITY. MR. KING SAID THE FUNDS ARE TO BE USED IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MR. KING AND THE FORESTRY COMMISSION.

LASHAWN MURRAY - PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 23-31, 2008 AS RED RIBBON WEEK:

MS. MURRAY READ THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 23-31, 2008 AS RED RIBBON WEEK. MS. MURRAY ENCOURAGED THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY TO WEAR THE RED RIBBON AND TO WORK TOGETHER TO TEACH THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY THAT DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE IS DANGEROUS AND HARMFUL TO BOTH THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR FUTURE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCIL-MAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 23-31, 2008 AS RED RIBBON WEEK. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CATHY GARDNER – PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM FIRST STEPS:

MS. GARDNER PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION AND THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

VERNA GARVIN – PRESENTATION OF RELAY FOR LIFE PLAQUES FOR EMPLOYEE PARTICIPATION:

MS. GARVIN WAS NOT PRESENT.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES:

DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING PARCELS GENERALLY KNOWN AS OPSREY LAKES DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONE: 038-00-06-103 AND 038-00-06-168:

MR. JIROUSEK PRESENTED THE AMENDED ORDINANCE AND STATED THERE WERE TWO ZONING ERRORS AND THE AMENDED ORDINANCE REFLECTS BOTH PARCELS. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN POSTED, THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, AND THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE PDD AND DA NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED AND ATTORNEY JONES SAID THEY DID NOT BECAUSE THE ORDINANCE WAS ONLY DEALING WITH THE ZONING MAP. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING; THERE WERE NO COMMENTS; CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES 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 THE FOLLOWING PARCELS

GENERALLY KNOWN AS OPSREY LAKES DEPICTED ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP TO THE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT ZONE: 038-00-06-103 AND 038-00-06-168. 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 THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 22.7 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 072-00-01-31 LOCATED ON BELLINGER HILL ROAD NEAR HARDEEVILLE FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE:

MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THE LOCATION OF THE PROPERTY AND THAT THE OWNERS WERE REQUESTING THE CHANGE SO THAT THEY COULD HAVE A HORSE FARM. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE RESIDENTIAL DENSITY DECREASES WITH THE CHANGE IN ZONING. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN POSTED, THE SURROUNDING PROPERTY OWNERS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED, AND THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN HOOD OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR 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 THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 22.7 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 072-00-01-31 LOCATED ON BELLINGER HILL ROAD NEAR HARDEEVILLE FROM RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE RURAL PRESERVATION ZONE. 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 THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.99 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-05-008 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEVY ROAD AND HIGHWAY 170A FROM THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.94 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 080-00-03-046 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PEARLSTINE DRIVE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP:

MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THERE WERE TWO PARTS TO THIS ORDINANCE AND THE ORDINANCE IS TO REZONE TWO SEPARATE PARCELS. MR. JIROUSEK INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THE FIRST PARCEL IS THE ONLY PARCEL OF LAND AT THAT INTERSECTION THAT IS NOT ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND THE OWNER HAS REQUESTED THAT IT BE CHANGED. MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THE AREA IS PROPOSED FOR FUTURE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MR. JIROUSEK DISCUSSED THE SECOND PART OF THE ORDINANCE DEALS WITH A PARCEL OF 4.94 ACRES BEHIND PEARLSTINE DISTRIBUTORS AND THE OWNER IS ASKING FOR THE ZONING TO CHANGE TO INDUSTRIAL AND THAT THE OWNER PLANS TO BUILD A CEMENT PLANT. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THERE IS ALREADY A CEMENT PLANT IN THAT AREA AND THE SURROUNDING PROPERTIES ARE ZONED COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE FELT THE CHANGE WAS APPROPRIATE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF BOTH REQUESTS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS BETWEEN INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL AND SHE ASKED IF THE OTHER CEMENT PLANT WAS CLOSED. MR. JIROUSEK RESPONDED THAT CURRENTLY THE PROPERTY IS ZONED GENERAL COMMERCIAL AND IT HAS INDUSTRIAL LEVEL USES AND THE CHARACTER OF THE AREA SHOULD BE ZONED INDUSTRIAL AND NOT COMMERCIAL. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF A PERSON CAN REQUEST A ZONING CHANGE WHENEVER THEY WANT AND CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT THEY HAVE TO MAKE A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THAT THERE WERE SOME ERRORS IN THE ZONING MAP AND THAT IS WHY SOME OF THE REQUESTS HAVE BEEN NECESSARY. COUNCILMAN TYLER MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES 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 THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 3.99 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 038-00-05-008 AND GENERALLY LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF LEVY ROAD AND HIGHWAY 170A FROM THE SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP; AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER THAT PROPERTY CONSISTING OF APPROXIMATELY 4.94 ACRES BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 080-00-03-046 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF PEARLSTINE DRIVE FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE INDUSTRIAL 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 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO SHOW A 1.59 ACRE LOT BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 029-48-04-006

ON PHILLIPS ROAD IN THE HARDEEVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK AS BEING ZONED INDUSTRIAL:

MR. JIROUSEK STATED THAT THIS PARCEL WAS NEVER GIVEN A ZONING DESIGNATION AND THE PROPOSED REQUEST THAT IT BE ZONED INDUSTRIAL IS CORRECT BECAUSE IT IS RIGHT BESIDE THE HARDEEVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT THE PROPERTY IS SURROUNDED BY THE CITY OF HARDEEVILLE, BUT THE OWNER IS NOT INTERESTED IN ANNEXING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO SHOW A 1.59 ACRE LOT BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 029-48-04-006 ON PHILLIPS ROAD IN THE HARDEEVILLE INDUSTRIAL PARK AS BEING ZONED INDUSTRIAL.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS; TO ADOPT CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE WEARING OF CERTAIN ATTIRE; TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM:

ATTORNEY JONES PRESENTED THE ORDINANCE AND SAID THAT THE “SAGGY PANTS” ORDINANCE HAD TWO READINGS, BUT THAT BECAUSE OF THE CHANGES, HE RECOMMENDED GOING THROUGH THE ENTIRE READING AND PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS AGAIN. MR. JONES SAID THIS ORDINANCE WAS THE RESULT OF CHAIRMAN HOOD AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MEETING WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE MUNICIPALITIES. MR. JONES SAID HE ALSO RECEIVED AN OPINION FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT THE COUNTY CAN PASS AND ENFORCE THIS ORDINANCE. MR. JONES CONTINUED THAT THE ORDINANCE ADDRESSES THE VIOLATIONS, AND THAT IT CAN BE ENFORCED CIVILLY, AND THAT THERE IS ALSO AN EDUCATION PROGRAM LISTED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY COMMUNICATION WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE COUNTY. ATTORNEY JONES RESPONDED THAT THERE HAS NOT AND CHAIRMAN HOOD ADDED THAT AFTER THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE HE FELT WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO MEET WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT AND GET HIS INPUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE RESPONSE FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CHAIRMAN HOOD STATED THAT THE CHANGES REQUESTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE ORDINANCE SHOULD NOT SAY GARMENTS AND NOT PANTS SINCE THE GIRLS WEAR THEIR SKIRTS SO LOW. ATTORNEY JONES SAID THE ORDINANCE ONLY ADDRESSES PANTS. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE COUNCIL COULD MEET WITH THE SCHOOLS AND THE PARENTS BECAUSE HE FELT THEY SHOULD BE INVOLVED. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT COULD BE DONE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE

MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO MAKE CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS; TO ADOPT CERTAIN DEFINITIONS; TO PROHIBIT THE WEARING OF CERTAIN ATTIRE; TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT, VIOLATIONS, AND PENALTIES; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN, AND COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND TYLER VOTING FOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES VOTED AGAINST AND STATED SHE WAS VOTING AGAINST THE ORDINANCE BECAUSE SHE DID NOT THINK GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH THIS ISSUE.

RESOLUTIONS:

MARVIN JONES – RESOLUTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PROPERTY TO BE SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE ITS SALE OR DISPOSITION:

ATTORNEY JONES PRESENTED THE RESOLUTION AND SAID THE RESOLUTION DEALT WITH THE EXCESS VEHICLES OF THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF ANY OF THE VEHICLES COULD BE USED INSTEAD OF BUYING NEW ONES OR IF THEY COULD BE USED FOR PARTS TO REPAIR OTHER VEHICLES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ONE OR TWO MAY BE ABLE TO BE USED FOR DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AND THE AUDITOR. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED IF ALL THE VEHICLES LISTED WERE FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE LAST VEHICLE WAS FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED SHERIFF JENKINS IF ANY OF THE VEHICLES WERE USABLE. SHERIFF JENKINS RESPONDED THAT THEY SHOULD BE INSPECTED BY THE MECHANIC. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF HIS DEPUTIES WERE USING THE VEHICLES UNTIL THEIR NEW ONES ARRIVED. SHERIFF JENKINS SAID THAT THEY WERE USED UNTIL THE NEW VEHICLES ARRIVED AND THEY COULD STILL BE USED BY THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF GOV. DEALS WAS GOING TO HANDLE THE SALE OF THE VEHICLES AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WERE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATOR SHOULD TRY TO PULL TWO. MR. FULGHUM ASKED TO DISPOSE OF THE VEHICLES AND HE WOULD COME BACK TO THE COUNCIL WITH WHAT WAS USABLE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHY THE ADMINISTRATOR HAD TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL WITH WHAT WAS USABLE; CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT IF IT WAS USABLE IT SHOULD BE USED INSTEAD OF BUYING NEW VEHICLES. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE COUNCIL WAS MAKING THE DECISION TO SELL THE VEHICLES OR TO HAVE THEM INSPECTED BY A MECHANIC. CHAIRMAN HOOD RESPONDED THAT ALL THE VEHICLES WERE NOT NEEDED. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID IT NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED AS TO WHAT WAS TO BE SOLD AND THE MECHANIC NEEDED TO SAY IF THE CAR IS SERVICEABLE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THAT WAS WHAT THE ADMINISTRATOR WOULD DO. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILWOMAN JONES SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE

RESOLUTION BASED ON HAVING THE VEHICLES INSPECTED AND THAT 2 OR 3 OF THE VEHICLES BE KEPT FOR LOCAL USE. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MS. HECK'S REQUEST TO USE THE SENIOR CENTER IN HARDEEVILLE:

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT HE HAD THE ATTORNEY PREPARE A PROPOSED USER AGREEMENT AND HE MET WITH MS. HECK AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL ON AGING, MR. ROACHE, AND ASKED THEM TO APPROVE IT AS IT WAS SUBMITTED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT CHARGING A FEE FOR THE ELECTRICITY AND MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT THE FEE WOULD GO TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING SINCE THEY PAY THE ELECTRIC BILL AND MR. ROACHE SAID THEY WERE INCLINED NOT TO CHARGE IT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE USER AGREEMENT FOR THE USE OF THE COUNTY OWNED SENIOR CENTER IN HARDEEVILLE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS:

WILBUR DALEY- APPROVAL OF ROAD NAMES:

WILBUR DALEY PRESENTED THE NAMES FOR THE ROADS. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE NAMES OLD FLEMING ROAD AND HIDDEN HOLLOW ROAD HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED AND THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MR. DALEY ASKED THE COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE NAMES. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THESE ROADS WERE NAMED PREVIOUSLY AND MR. DALEY ANSWERED THAT THE ROADS HAVE NEVER BEEN NAMED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID ONE OF THE APPLICATIONS HAD THE SIGNATURE SHEET SIGNED BY THE RESIDENTS, BUT THE OTHER ONE DID NOT. MR. DALEY SAID THAT A SIGNATURE SHEET WAS SIGNED AND HE HAD A COPY OF IT. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE ROAD NAMES OLD FLEMING ROAD AND HIDDEN HOLLOW ROAD. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED HOW LONG IT TOOK TO GET A ROAD SIGN REPLACED. MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT 19 SIGNS WERE STOLEN LAST MONTH AND THIS MONTH 9 MORE SIGNS HAVE BEEN STOLEN. MR. DALEY SAID THAT PUBLIC WORKS REPLACES THE SIGNS AND MR. TERRY IS HAVING THE SIGNS INSTALLED DIFFERENTLY SO THAT THEY ARE HARDER TO STEAL. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THE SIGNS ARE VERY IMPORTANT FOR 911 REASONS AND IT IS A GREAT CONCERN AND THE SIGNS SHOULD BE REPLACED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES REMARKED THAT THE SIGNS ARE ORDERED BY

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND THEN THEY GO TO PUBLIC WORKS TO BE INSTALLED.

BILL OLENDORF – REQUEST FOR A-TAX FUNDING FOR BILLBOARDS:

MR. OLENDORF STATED THAT EVERY YEAR HE COMES BEFORE COUNCIL TO REQUEST FUNDING FOR THE BILLBOARDS THAT ADVERTISE POINT SOUTH FROM THE A-TAX MONEY. MR. OLENDORF EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILLBOARD. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT HE WAS NOT HAPPY WITH THE BILLBOARD AT ST. GEORGE AND HE WAS ABLE TO GET A BETTER BILLBOARD, BUT IT WAS GOING TO COST \$550.00 PER MONTH MORE. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT THE BILLBOARD IN ST. GEORGE WOULD COST \$1,150.00 PER MONTH. MR. OLENDORF SAID HIS REQUEST FOR THE BILLBOARDS IS \$50,200.00. MR. OLENDORF CONTINUED AND REQUESTED THE FUNDS FOR THE EXTRA PATROLLING OF THE AREA BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HIS 3RD REQUEST WAS FOR FUNDS TO PAY TO HAVE THE MAPPING INFORMATION RELEASED TO THE ONLINE MAPPING SERVICES. MR. OLENDORF SAID THAT WHEN PEOPLE GO TO MAPQUEST, CYBERMAPPING OR USE THEIR GARMIN, THEY CANNOT FIND POINT SOUTH. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. OLENDORF TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR AND TO GET THE ACTUAL COSTS AND BRING THIS REQUEST BACK TO THE COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION BACK TO THE COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. OLENDORF TO PROVIDE THE CLERK TO COUNCIL THE INFORMATION SO THAT IT WILL BE IN THE COUNCIL PACKETS FOR THE COUNCIL TO REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING. MR. OLENDORF SAID HE WOULD BE OUT OF FUNDS NOVEMBER 1, 2008 AND HE ASKED THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER HIS REQUESTS AS THREE SEPARATE ISSUES.

SISTER LUPE STUMP - NEIGHBORS UNITED REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT "MERCY CIRCLE":

SISTER LUPE STATED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR ONE OF THEIR PROJECTS AND THEY DID NOT MAKE USE OF THE FUNDS. SISTER LUPE TOLD THE COUNCIL ABOUT A HUD DEVELOPMENT, BRANCHWOOD APARTMENTS, BUILT IN THE 1970'S, AND THEN IT WAS SOLD AND IS CURRENTLY OWNED BY AN INDIVIDUAL. SISTER LUPE SAID THAT NEIGHBORS UNITED IS TRYING TO PURCHASE THE 42 UNITS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SISTER LUPE REQUESTED \$100,000.00 IN GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE COUNTY FOR THIS PROJECT. SISTER LUPE TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE ASKING PRICE WAS \$1,850,000.00 AND THEY WERE GOING TO OFFER \$1,500,000.00. SISTER LUPE SAID THEY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THE FINANCING WITH SCB&T WHO WILL DO UP TO AN 80% FINANCING. SISTER LUPE SAID THAT DUE TO THE AGE OF THE BUILDING IT DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR THE HOME GRANT

FUNDING THROUGH LCOG. SISTER LUPE SAID THE UNITS THAT ARE STILL UNDER THE HUD PROGRAM HAVE BEEN KEPT UP TO HUD STANDARDS, HOWEVER, THE ONES THAT HAVE GONE PRIVATE WILL NEED SOME REPAIRS AND THEN THEY PLAN TO PUT THEM BACK INTO AFFORDABLE HOUSING. SISTER LUPE SAID THE \$100,000.00 SHE IS REQUESTING IS 6% OF THE PRICE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHERE THE FUNDING WAS COMING FROM TO DO THE REPAIRS. SISTER LUPE RESPONDED THAT THOSE UNITS WILL BE PHASED IN AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN REPAIRED AND THE REPAIRS WILL BE PAID FOR FROM THE INCOME GENERATED FROM THE PROPERTY. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID \$100,000.00 IS A LOT OF MONEY AND HE JUST RECEIVED THE INFORMATION AND HE WOULD NEED MORE TIME TO STUDY IT BEFORE HE COULD VOTE ON IT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE TO GET THE PROCESS APPROVED IF THIS REQUEST IS APPROVED BY COUNCIL. SISTER LUPE SAID IT WOULD TAKE ABOUT 90 DAYS OF DUE DILIGENCE WITH THE BANK. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE OTHER GRANTS AND FUNDING HAS BEEN APPROVED AND SISTER LUPE SAID NOT YET AND THEY MAY HAVE TO DO A LOAN UNTIL THE FUNDS COME IN. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED HOW LONG AGO WAS THE BUILDING BUILT AND SISTER LUPE RESPONDED THAT IT WAS BUILT IN 1975 AND IT IS ON A SLAB FOUNDATION. MR. MOYD, NEIGHBORS UNITED DIRECTOR, COMMENTED THAT THE BUILDING HAS BEEN INSPECTED BY THREE CONTRACTORS. CHAIRMAN HOOD TABLED THIS REQUEST TO A LATER MEETING.

WILBUR DALEY – REQUEST FOR GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLE:

MR. DALEY SAID THEY HAVE RECEIVED A GRANT TO PURCHASE A NEW VEHICLE FOR FIRE AND RESCUE AND HE WAS REQUESTING GRANT MATCHING FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,299.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF HE THOUGHT HE COULD FIND THE \$3,299.00 IN HIS BUDGET TO COVER THIS. MR. DALEY SAID HE THOUGHT THAT WAS POSSIBLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED MR. DALEY TO TRY AND DO THAT AS THE COUNTY MAY NEED THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS FOR OTHER OPPORTUNITIES. MR. DALEY SAID THE VEHICLE WAS NEEDED AND HE WAS ALSO ASKING FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE THE VEHICLE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE REQUEST IS FOR \$3,299.00 FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUND AND THE GRANT MATCHING FUND BUDGET LINE HAS \$96,000.00 IN IT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT IF MR. DALEY USED THE FUNDS FROM HIS BUDGET, HE MAY COME UP SHORT BEFORE THE YEARS ENDS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT SOME CORNERS NEED TO BE CUT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT THE WAY THE ECONOMY IS TODAY, THE REVENUES THAT HAVE BEEN PROJECTED MAY NOT BE COMING TO THE COUNTY AND THAT THE STATE HAS ALREADY CUT 3% OF THE FUNDS THAT WERE TO COME TO THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES CONTINUED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HEADS NEED TO SEE WHAT

THEY CAN DO TO SAVE MONEY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID WHY BUY NEW VEHICLES WHEN THE OLD ONES CAN BE USED AND IF HE COMES UP SHORT, HE CAN COME BACK AND GET THE FUNDS FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUNDS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID THAT EMS COST THE COUNTY THE MOST TO OPERATE AND THEY ALWAYS HAVE TO COME BACK FOR MORE FUNDING AND HE DID NOT THINK THE \$3,300.00 SHOULD COME FROM THEIR BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE \$3,299.00 FROM THE GRANT MATCHING FUND AND TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW VEHICLE FOR FIRE AND RESCUE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THAT IF ANYONE NEEDED NEW VEHICLES IT WAS THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND FIRE AND RESCUE, BUT SOME EMPLOYEES THINK THEY NEED NEW VEHICLES TO DRIVE AROUND THE COUNTY WHEN THEY SHOULD BE USING ONE OF THE VEHICLES THAT HAVE BEEN TURNED IN. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE VEHICLES ARE IN GOOD SHAPE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE WHOLE ISSUE IS NEW VEHICLES. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT ONE VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED FOR ADMINISTRATION WHICH IS USED BY THE EMPLOYEES WHEN THEY TRAVEL OUT OF THE COUNTY AND THE OTHER NEW VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED FOR MR. KITTY, THE BUSINESS LICENSE PERSON. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE ADMINISTRATION MADE THE CHOICE TO PURCHASE THE NEW VEHICLE FOR MR. KITTY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THEY HAD A GOOD SERVICE AREA AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNTY OPERATES A SERVICE AREA AND THEY DO FINE TO THE EXTENT OF WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH THE VEHICLES.

WILBUR DALEY--APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES:

MR. DALEY INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT THEY ONLY RECEIVED ONE BID FOR THE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE FOR THE FIRE AND RESCUE VEHICLES. MR. DALEY SAID THE BID WAS FROM PALMETTO FIRE APPARATUS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$62,626.32 FOR THE FIRST YEAR AND \$68,262.00 FOR THE SECOND YEAR. MR. DALEY SAID THAT THE PRICE INCREASED BECAUSE THE AMBULANCES WERE INCLUDED AND THE COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE THE MECHANICS AND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE THE VEHICLES. MR. MALPHRUS STATED THE BID WAS A NOT TO EXCEED AMOUNT AND THE ACTUAL COST WILL BE DETERMINED BY WHAT IS DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED IF THEY DID THE MATH ON THIS BID SINCE THE BID ONLY COVERED OIL CHANGES AND GREASE JOBS. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE DID NOT THINK THIS WAS A GOOD DEAL. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED WHERE THE COMPANY WAS LOCATED AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY WERE FROM HARDEEVILLE. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN SAID HE WAS HAPPY THAT THEY WERE LOCAL, BUT IT WAS COSTING OVER \$300.00 TO SERVICE EACH VEHICLE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT SOME OF THE AMBULANCES HAVE 32 QUARTS OF OIL AND PALMETTO

FIRE APPARATUS WOULD PROVIDE EVERYTHING AND THEY WOULD DO EVERYTHING AT THE FIRE STATIONS. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW MUCH THE CONTRACT WAS LAST YEAR AND MR. DALEY ANSWERED THAT IT WAS \$26,500.00, BUT THE AMBULANCES WERE NOT INCLUDED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY THE SECOND YEAR WAS LISTED AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT WAS PUT IN SO THAT IT WOULD NOT HAVE TO GO OUT FOR BID IF THE COUNTY DID NOT WANT TO REBID IT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. DALEY IF THIS WAS A GOOD DEAL AND MR. DALEY SAID HE FELT IT WAS A LITTLE HIGH, BUT THE COST WILL BE HELD DOWN BECAUSE HE DID NOT THINK THE FULL AMOUNT OF THE BID WOULD BE SPENT. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN ASKED MR. DALEY IF HE WOULD VOTE TO APPROVE THIS BID AND MR. DALEY SAID HE DID NOT FEEL THAT WAS A FAIR QUESTION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED MR. DALEY WHAT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD ACTUALLY COST AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED ABOUT \$40,000.00. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW MUCH WAS BUDGETED FOR THIS ITEM AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT \$100,000.00 WAS BUDGETED FOR ALL CONTRACTED ITEMS. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED HOW MUCH WORK WAS COVERED BY SERVICE FROM DEALERS AND MR. DALEY SAID ONLY THE WARRANTY WORK. VICE CHAIRMAN TUTEN MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE BID OF PALMETTO FIRE APPARATUS UP TO \$62,626.32. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED HOW MANY REQUESTS FOR BIDS WERE SENT OUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE DID NOT SEND OUT ANY REQUESTS, BUT IT WAS ADVERTISED IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND IN S.C. BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS:

RONNIE MALPHRUS – UPDATE ON FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES:

MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE COUNCIL REQUESTED QUARTERLY UPDATES ON THE EXPENSES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. MR. MALPHRUS PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH A SPREADSHEET COVERING THE SEVEN FIRE DEPARTMENTS OPERATED BY THE COUNTY. MR. MALPHRUS THANKED JOYCE SAPP AND MENDY SMITH FOR THEIR HELP IN COMPILING THE INFORMATION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IN NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET THE DEPARTMENTS WILL BE BROKEN OUT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ALL THE EXPENSES ARE LISTED AND EACH DEPARTMENT TOTAL IS LISTED FOR THE QUARTER. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED ABOUT THE PINELAND STATION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WERE NO EXPENSES BECAUSE NO STAFF OR EQUIPMENT IS LOCATED THERE AND JUST A TRUCK IS STORED THERE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHY COOSAWHATCHIE STATION IS HIGHER THAN THE OTHERS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT IT WAS A UNIQUE SITUATION, AS THERE WERE NO FULL-TIME FIRE PERSONNEL ASSIGNED THERE, BUT THE SIX PEOPLE FOR THE AMBULANCE ARE BASED THERE AND THEY ARE ALL CROSS TRAINED TO BE FIRE FIGHTERS AND THEY GO OUT ON THE FIRE CALLS, IF NEEDED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT

THE OTHER STATIONS ONLY HAVE THREE PEOPLE ASSIGNED TO THEM. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED ABOUT THE SALARIES AND WHY THEY WERE DIFFERENT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE DIFFERENCE WAS DUE TO RANK AND HOW LONG THEY HAVE BEEN WITH THE COUNTY. COUNCILWOMAN JONES STATED THAT IF TWO PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS AT COOSAWHATCHIE, THEN ONE PERSON WOULD DRIVE THE TRUCK AND THE OTHER PERSON WOULD DRIVE THE AMBULANCE. MR. DALEY SAID THAT IF THAT HAPPENED ANOTHER TRUCK WOULD COME. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED WHAT STATIONS HAD A FULL STAFF AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED RIDGELAND, COOSAWHATCHIE, CHERRY POINT AND HARDEEVILLE. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED IF THE COUNTY WAS PAID WHEN THE AMBULANCE FROM CHERRY POINT WENT TO HARDEEVILLE FIRES. MR. DALEY SAID IF IT IS A STRUCTURE FIRE, COOSAWHATCHIE AND ROSELAND GO TO THE FIRE. MR. MALPHRUS COMMENTED THAT THE SALARY LINE FOR GRAYS FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS LOWER BECAUSE OF A VACANCY. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE TILLMAN FIRE STATION HAS TWO PEOPLE WHO WORK TWELVE HOUR SHIFTS.

RONNIE MALPHRUS - UPDATE ON BUDGET AND COUNTY ACCOUNTS:

MR MALPHRUS REVIEWED THE BUDGET HE PROVIDES TO THE COUNCIL. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES WERE BOTH LISTED. COUNCILWOMAN JONES ASKED ABOUT THE LAST COLUMN THAT LISTED LAST YEARS TOTALS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT COLUMN MAY NOT BE ABSOLUTELY CORRECT AS THE AUDITORS HAVE TO ADJUST SOME OF THE ENTRIES, ESPECIALLY ON THE REVENUE SIDE.

ANDREW FULGHUM – ADMINISTRATOR’S UPDATE:

MR. FULGHUM REPORTED THAT MR. JIROUSEK WAS MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND ABOUT JOINT PLANNING AND THAT IT WOULD COME BEFORE COUNCIL AT THEIR NEXT MEETING.

ANDREW FULGHUM – DEPT. OF NAVY:

MR. FULGHUM STATED THAT THE REPORT NOTICE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY IS POSTED ON THE DOOR AND HE WOULD ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PROCUREMENT POLICY:

MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE PROCUREMENT POLICY WOULD BE REVIEWED AND THEN IT WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO COUNCIL.

ANDREW FULGHUM – AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDY:

MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A COPY OF THE STUDY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT A SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE CALLED TO GO OVER THE REPORT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE STUDY WILL BE POSTED ON THE COUNTY WEBSITE FOR THE PUBLIC TO REVIEW.

ANNUAL DELINQUENT TAX SALE:

MR. MALPHRUS ANNOUNCED THAT THE DELINQUENT TAX SALE WILL BE HELD ON NOV. 3, 2008.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES REPORTED THAT SHE ATTENDED A SILVER HAired LEGISLATURE MEETING IN COLUMBIA AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT ON IT AT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID SHE HAS RECEIVED COMPLAINT LETTERS FROM THE PUBLIC AND FROM PRISONERS AT THE DETENTION CENTER. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HOPED THE LETTERS WERE BEING FOLLOWED UP ON AND MR. FULGHUM SAID HE WOULD REVIEW THE LETTERS AND REPORT BACK TO COUNCIL. CHAIRMAN HOOD REPORTED ON HIS TRIP TO ALASKA WITH LCOG. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR REPORTED THAT COUNCILWOMAN JONES AND COUNCILMAN TYLER ACCOMPANIED HIM ON A TOUR OF THE NEW ANNEX BUILDING AND THE BUILDING WAS MOVING FORWARD ON SCHEDULE.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC:

GLENN STORCK SAID THAT THE STATE CODE EMPOWERS THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO NAME OR CHANGE ROADS AND THE COUNCIL IS DOING DOUBLE WORK WHEN THE NAMES ARE BROUGHT TO THEM FOR APPROVAL.

MR. STORCK ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL REGARDING THE WASTE MANAGEMENT LANDFILL AND THAT THE PROBLEMS THERE HAVE NOT BEEN CORRECTED AS PROMISED AND THE AREA STILL SMELLS TERRIBLE. MR. STORCK SAID WHEN THE LANDFILL GETS A COMPLAINT, THEY SPRAY A PERFUMED SUBSTANCE THAT COVERS THE SMELL FOR A LITTLE WHILE, BUT IT DOES NOT CORRECT THE PROBLEM. MR STORCK SAID THE CITIZENS WHO LIVE IN THAT AREA HAVE A REAL PROBLEM AND THEY NEED RELIEF. WHILE IT MAY COST WASTE MANAGEMENT SOME MONEY TO FIX IT RIGHT, RATHER THAN SPRAYING SOME PERFUME, THE CITIZENS NEED DHEC TO DO SOMETHING TO HELP THEM GET THIS PROBLEM HANDLED CORRECTLY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE COUNCIL WILL CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS SOLVING THE PROBLEM.

MRS. RAWLINGS ASKED IF ANY RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, LIKE RESTAURANTS, BOWLING ALLEYS, AND MOVIE THEATERS, ARE BEING PLANNED WITH ALL THE GROWTH COMING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT SOME THINGS ARE COMING TO THE LOWER END OF THE COUNTY AND CONTRACTS ARE BEING NEGOTIATED AT OKATIE CROSSINGS. MRS. RAWLING ASKED WHO MAINTAINS THE GREENVILLE-GRAHAMVILLE CEMETERIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE WILL HAVE SOMEONE CHECK INTO IT AND REPORT BACK TO HER. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR COMMENTED THAT MOST OF THE CEMETERIES IN JASPER COUNTY ARE MAINTAINED BY THE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO HAVE FAMILY BURIED THERE. MRS. RAWLINGS SAID THE WHITE CEMETERY IS MAINTAINED,

BUT THE BLACK CEMETERY IS NOT. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY PUT OUT A BOOK ON ALL THE CEMETERIES THAT LISTS WHO OWNS IT AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR IT. COUNCILWOMAN JONES SAID THE EUHAW CHURCH AND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH KEEP UP THE CEMETERY AND THE BRIGHT FAMILY OWNS THE OTHER CEMETERY. COUNCILMAN TYLER ASKED IF THE COUNTY HAD AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CEMETERIES AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ZONING ORDINANCE SPECIFIES WHERE CEMETERIES ARE PERMITTED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED MR. JIROUSEK TO REPORT BACK TO THE COUNCIL ABOUT CEMETERIES.

LAYFETTE WEBBER ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL ABOUT THE DRUG PROBLEM IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. WEBBER SAID HE HAD A COMPLAINT ABOUT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MR. WEBBER SAID HE APPEARED BEFORE COUNCIL A FEW MONTHS AGO AND HE WAS BACK TO REPORT THAT THE DRUG PROBLEM HAS NOT GOTTEN BETTER, IT HAS GOTTEN WORSE. MR. WEBBER STATED THAT THE BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL SYSTEM HAS BEEN CUT AND THOSE FUNDS HAVE GONE TO THE PRISON SYSTEM. MR. WEBBER SAID THE DRUG PROBLEM IN JASPER COUNTY IS 21ST CENTURY SLAVERY OF THE CHILDREN OF JASPER COUNTY. MR. WEBBER SAID THE KIDS DROP OUT OF SCHOOL AND SELL DRUGS FOR 20 YEARS AND NEVER GO TO JAIL. MR. WEBBER SAID IT WAS VERY EASY FOR YOUNG MEN TO DO THIS. MR. WEBBER SAID THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND THE YOUNG MEN SELLING DRUGS DIMINISH THEIR CHARACTER AND TEENAGE PREGNANCY IS OUT OF CONTROL IN THE COUNTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY AND IT NEEDS TO BE WORKED ON BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS.

HENRY ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT IN A FEW MONTHS HE WILL BE SERVING ON COUNCIL AND PEOPLE WILL BE COMING AND ASKING QUESTIONS LIKE HE IS TONIGHT AND HE WILL HAVE TO ANSWER THEM. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT WHEN THE BUDGET WAS PASSED, THE \$50,000.00 THE ADMINISTRATION WANTED TO BUDGET FOR THE SALARY FOR A NEW PERSON IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT WAS CUT, BUT IN LESS THAN 60 DAYS, THE ADMINISTRATOR WAS BACK ASKING FOR THE SAME POSITION. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT NOT ONLY WAS THE ADMINISTRATION BACK, BUT THE FUNDING FOR THE POSITON WAS TO BE TAKEN FROM PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT HE SPOKE WITH MR. TERRY, DEP. ADM. OF ENGINEERING SERVICES AND THE HEAD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND MR. TERYYY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT THE FUNDS BEING TAKEN FROM HIS DEPARTMENT UNTIL HE READ ABOUT IT IN THE NEWSPAPER. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID MR. TERRY REQUESTED THE TRUCK DURING THE BUDGET BECAUSE IT WAS VERY BADLY NEEDED. MR. ETHERIDGE CONTINUED THAT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT MAY BE OVER STAFFED BASED ON THE SURVEY THAT WAS DONE AND HE READ ABOUT IN THE NEWSPAPER, BUT SOMEONE CONVINCED SOMEONE THAT THE POSITION WAS NEEDED AND THAT THE POSITION NEEDED TO

BE FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.. MR ETHERIDGE SAID TWO COUNTY EMPLOYEES CONTACTED HIM AND THEY WERE VERY UPSET THAT THEY WERE NOT EVEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THE COUNTY'S POLICY WAS TO ADVERTISE ALL OPEN POSITIONS AND THIS POSITION WAS NOT ADVERTISED IN HOUSE, OR TO THE PUBLIC. MR. ETHERIDGE ASKED THAT AN EXPLANATION BE GIVEN AT THE NEXT MEETING AS TO WHY AND HOW THIS HAS HANDLED THE WAY IT WAS HANDLED. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT HE FELT THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY SHOULD KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT THE POSITION WAS GIVEN TO A TEMPORARY PERSON WHO WAS NOT FROM JASPER COUNTY AND GOOD JOBS ARE SCARCE IN JASPER COUNTY, AND MANY JASPER COUNTY CITIZENS HAVE TO DRIVE TO HILTON HEAD, YET THIS JOB WAS GIVEN TO SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT LIVE IN JASPER COUNTY. MR. ETHERIDGE STATED THAT MAYBE THE PEOPLE FROM JASPER COUNTY WERE NOT AS QUALIFIED, BUT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY. MR. ETHERIDGE ASKED WHO WAS THE COUNTY'S CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER AND MR. FULGHUM SAID MR. RONNIE MALPHRUS WAS THE CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER FOR THE COUNTY. MR. ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW THE SURPLUS VEHICLES WERE TO BE SOLD AND DR. HOOD SAID THEY WOULD BE SOLD ONLINE. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID ON THE VEHICLES AND THAT THE COUNTY COULD REALIZE MORE MONEY FROM AN AUCTION. MR. ETHERIDGE STATED THAT SOME COUNTIES SEND THEIR SURPLUS VEHICLES TO REGULAR CAR AUCTION. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID AN AUCTION GIVES THE PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BID AND IT COULD BRING MORE MONEY TO THE COUNTY. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO GET PERMISSION TO SPEND 2-3 DAYS WITH THE DEPARTMENT HEADS AND TO OBSERVE WHAT IS DONE IN EACH DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN HOOD REFERRED THE REQUEST TO THE ATTORNEY TO SEE IF THIS COULD LEGALLY BE DONE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT THE EMPLOYEES WERE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ADMINISTRATOR. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT IN THE PAST HE HELD AN ORIENTATION FOR THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GIVES THEM AN OVERVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENTS. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID HE KNOWS THAT THE EMPLOYEES WORK FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE ADMINISTRATOR WORKS FOR THE COUNCIL. MR ETHERIDGE SAID HE HAS TAKEN SOME CLASSES AND HE UNDERSTANDS THE COUNCIL - ADMINISTRATOR FORM OF GOVERNMENT. MR ETHERIDGE SAID THAT HE FELT HE COULD BETTER SERVE THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY BY SPENDING TIME IN EACH DEPARTMENT SO HE WOULD KNOW AND UNDERSTAND EACH DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT READING DOCUMENTS COULD BE HELPFUL AND THERE WAS A HANDBOOK FOR NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS. CHAIRMAN HOOD THANKED MR. ETHERIDGE FOR BRINGING THE MATTERS TO THE COUNCIL'S ATTENTION AND IF

APPROPRIATE ACTION IS NEEDED, IT WILL BE HANDLED. CHAIRMAN HOOD ALSO COMMENTED THAT PERSONNEL MATTERS ARE TO BE HANDLED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. ETHERIDGE SAID THE JOB WAS GIVEN TO SOMEONE WHO LIVES OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY AND JASPER COUNTY PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED THE ADMINISTRATOR TO COME UP WITH THE ANSWERS THAT CAN BE ANSWERED IN PUBLIC. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN HOOD CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. CHAIRMAN HOOD INSTRUCTED ATTORNEY JONES AND THE ADMINISTRATOR TO WORK ON THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUE AND THE OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED IN THE OPEN THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC SESSION.

ADJOURN:

COUNCILWOMAN JONES MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN TYLER SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 7:15 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, CCC
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN