



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
OCTOBER 17, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, 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 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, involving the release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving an employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly nothing, contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing – Auditor’s Office Section 30-4-70(a)(1). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session- Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to authorize the Administrator and Staff to handle the package for retirement. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

Invocation – Councilwoman Clark gave the invocation.

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

Approval of the Minutes –Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the 09/06/2016 Council Meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### Presentation and Proclamation

Jasper County Council and the Board of Voters Registration and Elections of Jasper County- Public Hearing regarding a Referendum pursuant to Section 4-37-30 of the Code of Laws of SC as amended 1976 (Transportation Sales Tax Act) to be held on Nov. 8, 2016 – Chairman Sauls opened the Public Hearing. Denise Davidson asked the Council to explain the reason for the Public Hearing and Mr. Tedder responded that a public hearing was required so the citizens can make comments regarding the Referendum and that the Referendum would be on the Ballot. There were no other comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing.

Surrenda Burrison – F.I.T. Homeless in Jasper County – Ms. Burrison was not present.

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. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the floor to the public.

Resolutions – None.

#### Ordinances

Lisa Wagner –Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to amend Article 3:5; 3, Notice of Hearing –Mr. Tedder said the amendment to add a broader area to be notified and mailing notices and the section regarding construction notice was done. Councilman Etheridge asked about the wording “minor defect” and Mr. Tedder said that was for spelling errors of a street name and that there is a check and balance in place to proceed. Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to amend Article 3:5; 3, Notice of Hearing. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Lisa Wagner –Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer properties bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 080-03-00-001; 080-03-00-002; 080-03-00-004; 080-03-00-005; 080-03-00-006; 080-03-00-007; 080-03-00-008; 080-03-00-009; 080-03-00-010; 080-03-00-011; 080-03-00-012; 080-03-00-013; 080-03-00-014; 080-03-00-015; 080-03-00-016; 080-03-00-017; 080-03-00-018; 080-03-00-019; 080-03-00-020; 080-03-00-021 located in the Argent Business Park off of Argent Boulevard from the General Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning

Map- Ms. Wagner explained that the developer was requesting that the 21 lots be rezoned from General Commercial to Mixed Business. Ms. Wagner said that the Planning Commission recommended approval. Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer properties bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 080-03-00-001; 080-03-00-002; 080-03-00-004; 080-03-00-005; 080-03-00-006; 080-03-00-007; 080-03-00-008; 080-03-00-009; 080-03-00-010; 080-03-00-011; 080-03-00-012; 080-03-00-013; 080-03-00-014; 080-03-0015; 080-03-00-016; 080-03-00-017; 080-03-00-018; 080-03-00-019; 080-03-00-020; 080-03-00-021 located in the Argent Business Park off of Argent Boulevard from the General Commercial Zone to the Mixed Business Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Lisa Wagner - 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 039-00-08-096 located at 3662 Freedom Parkway from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map – Mr. Tedder said this ordinance was tabled until the Council visited the site and a public hearing has not been held. Councilwoman Clark said that this property was a shame and disgrace and it is a mess and they are running a business from the property, not parking trucks. Councilwoman Clark said this property does not need to be rezoned. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to deny the zoning change request. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ronnie Malphrus- Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$5,900,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Jasper County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto – Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Mr. Malphrus said the interest rates have dropped and the County will save money by doing this. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding \$5,900,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds of Jasper County, South Carolina; to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended; to provide for the payment thereof; and other matters relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ronnie Malphrus – Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and Purchase and Occupancy Agreement Between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; approving the issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Refunding Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$15,500,000; consenting to the form of a Third Supplemental Trust Agreement between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association as corporate trustee; and other matters relating thereto -

Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. Mr. Kemp asked the cost of refinancing. Mr. Malphrus said all the costs are factored into the savings. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the execution and Purchase and Occupancy Agreement Between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; approving the issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation Installment Purchase Refunding Revenue Bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$15,500,000; consenting to the form of a Third Supplemental Trust Agreement between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association as corporate trustee; and other matters relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum –Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance regarding a Lease Renewal between Jasper County and JARM - Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing. Dee Headon, Chairwoman of the JARM Board of Directors, said that the organization has grown stronger each year and she looked forward to working with the County. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Councilman Drayton commented that the new lease will be for 5 years, not 3 years. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance regarding a Lease Renewal between Jasper County and JARM. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### Old Business

Ronnie Malphrus – Update on Chiller Procurement – Mr. Malphrus said the chiller at the Court House is currently working, however it needed to be replaced and he asked that it be done through the emergency procurement procedure. Mr. Malphrus said that he received a quote from the company that maintains the current chiller in the amount of \$47,295 and a quote from a local vendor in the amount of \$47,620. Mr. Malphrus asked to move forward with the low bid from Siemens. Chairman Sauls asked if the local vendor could provide service. Mr. Malphrus said that Siemens does work for the County in several locations. Chairman Sauls asked Mr. Malphrus to call the local bidder to see if they can install and maintain. Mr. Malphrus said he would have to put out a proposal, and it would be for just this one unit. Mr. Malphrus said that if one company installs the unit and another maintains it it causes problems and they blame each other when something goes wrong. Councilwoman Clark said the local bid is higher and local does not always mean better. Councilman Etheridge said whoever installs it would maintain it for 1 year and then they can decide who does the maintenance. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve Covert Aire. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### New Business

Andrew Fulghum – Hurricane Recovery Update – Mr. Fulghum reported that there was approximately \$1,600,000 worth of damage done to private property in the County. Mr. Fulghum said that in order to get FEMA funding they needed to apply for FEMA Relief. Mr. Fulghum said the employees did a fabulous job during the ordeal. Chairman Sauls said that he

was at the EOC and he tried to keep the citizens informed. Mr. Fulghum asked the Council to approve a resolution to authorize him to execute documents regarding FEMA Relief and also to waive building permits to fix storm damage and to hire a consultant to get FEMA reimbursement. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to pass the resolution to authorize him to execute documents regarding FEMA Relief and also to waive building permits to fix storm damage and to hire a consultant to get FEMA reimbursement. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Council Members' Comments - Chairman Sauls discussed the evacuation and that he stayed in the County to help out at the EOC and he said it was unbelievable to witness the operations and how many people stayed to help and the sacrifices they made. Chairman Sauls thanked everyone that was involved. Councilman Etheridge said he spent time at the shelter and there were over 800 people there and about 500 of the people were from Beaufort County. Councilman Etheridge said he also went to the nursing home during the hurricane and he thanked all the utilities personnel and first responders. Councilman Drayton said he weathered out the hurricane and he met with Dale Terry regarding what could be done and he was saddened by how the County was torn up. Councilman Drayton said the County employees did a great job. Vice Chairman Johnson said he was grateful to the EOC, Public Works and the citizens who helped clear the roads and helped their neighbors. Vice Chairman Johnson said they needed to make a list of what could have been done better.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Fulghum said he provided the Council with his report for information.

Adjourn – Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

The meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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L. Martin Sauls, IV  
Chairman

