



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JASPER COUNTY GOVERNMENT BLDG.
NOVEMBER 16, 2015
AGENDA**

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

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

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- Vice Chairman Sauls called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session – Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to go into executive session for the discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by a public body – Section 30-4-70(a)(5)-Prospect Update and discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim –Section 30-4-70 (a)(2)-1295 Grays Highway. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

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

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

Invocation – Vice Chairman Sauls gave the invocation.

Approval of Agenda – Vice Chairman Sauls 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 – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 11/02/2015. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Presentations and Proclamations

Recognition of employees who responded to the SC Flood Emergency - Mr. Daley explained that 18 firefighters/paramedics and two staff members from the Assessor's office traveled to Columbia to help during the SC Flood Emergency. Mr. Lucas reviewed the slide presentation and explained what they did while in Columbia. Certificates of appreciation from the Council were awarded to: Brian Barton; Allison Brendlen; Joel Condell; Donald Dodd; Robert Flax; Robert Holmes; Alexander Inniss; Blake Jernigan; Jeffrey Jobczynski; Brian Mixson; Chad Recchia; Shannon Saxon; Eugene Sickler; Eric Smith; Bernard Washington; Russell Wells; Francis Young III; Clay Lucas, Deani Hall and Todd Collins. Not all participants were present, but they will receive their certificate. Chairwoman Clark said we are living at a critical time and she wanted the administrator and Mr. Daley to develop a plan for the employees as to how to react during a terrorist attack. Chairwoman Clark said the Council wanted the employees protected.

Jermaine Ballenger, Director of Veteran's Affairs - Update - Mr. Ballenger introduced himself and explained that he was the new VA officer. Mr. Ballenger said his office is open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mr. Ballenger listed the various services his office provides and said he could be contacted at 843-726-7727.

Ordinances

Andrew Fulghum – Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of New Hardeeville Library Site Property to the City of Hardeeville – Mr. Fulghum said there were no changes since the last reading and the County would be transferring ownership of .93 acre to the City of Hardeeville for the new library. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of an Ordinance authorizing the transfer of New Hardeeville Library Site Property to the City of Hardeeville. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder- Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-24 authorizing the transfer of property to AS/R Systems, Inc. – Mr. Tedder explained that the three ordinances for AS/R Systems were being done due to a name change to Roberts Partnership because of tax laws. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Johnson moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of an Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-24 authorizing the transfer of property to AS/R Systems, Inc. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-20 regarding the MCIP for AS/R Systems, Inc. – Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-20 regarding the MCIP for AS/R Systems, Inc. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder –Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-21 regarding the FILOT with AS/R Systems, Inc. - Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-21 regarding the FILOT with AS/R Systems, Inc The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Ronnie Malphrus – Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of the ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain radio and dispatch equipment by Jasper County by lease-purchase financing in the amount of not exceeding \$936,618.14; the execution and delivery of certain instruments including a lease-purchase agreement by Jasper County; and other matters relating thereto – Mr. Malphrus explained that this needed to be done because the current radios and equipment would cease to function in 2017. Councilman Etheridge said that they were purchasing them now because the cost would increase if they waited until 2017. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 3rd Reading of the ordinance authorizing the acquisition of certain radio and dispatch equipment by Jasper County by lease-purchase financing in the amount of not exceeding \$936,618.14; the execution and delivery of certain instruments including a lease-purchase agreement by Jasper County; and other matters relating thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Resolutions - None

Old Business

Andrew Fulghum – Update on Site Certification for Cypress Ridge Business Industrial Park – Mr. Fulghum explained there were several types of certification and even though the Park did not have gas, the Park could get a silver certification due to the tier program. Mr. Fulghum requested approval of \$15, 200 for the step certification fee. Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve up to \$15,200 for the silver step certification fee. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

New Business – None

Committee Reports – Councilman Drayton reported that he attended a meeting at the Tarboro Center regarding the Promise Zone and Grants. Councilman Drayton said that Ms. Fowler

would be making a presentation at the Tarboro Center on Dev. 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Drayton said he attended the book signing of Ellen Malphrus and also attended the meeting regarding the port where the new joint venture was signed for the Jasper County Port. Councilman Drayton said he still believes he will see the port. **Councilman Johnson** reported that he attended a meeting with Mr. Fulghum and TCL and he felt progress was being made. Councilman Johnson said he also attended the book signing. Councilman Johnson said he felt they have entered into a new era by the signing of the new joint venture and that a motion was made to apply for the permitting. **Councilman Etheridge** commented that what was done for the port today would surpass the number of automobile and tire plants throughout the state. Councilman Etheridge said that the environmental studies are to begin and he was proud to be associated with the port project. **Vice Chairman Sauls** reported that he attended the Beaufort County Economic Forum and the Ellen Malphrus book signing. Chairwoman Clark reported that she also attended the Malphrus book signing and she was proud that Ms. Malphrus is from Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark said the School Board used the Chamber for meetings and if they needed anything, they should contact the Clerk to Council. Chairwoman Clark said that Councilman Johnson has been the driving force for the Port and she was so happy that the agreement was signed. Chairwoman Clark also thanked Mr. Fulghum for the time he put in on the Port. Chairwoman Clark said she was very proud of this Council because they work together as a team.

Administrator's Report – Mr. Fulghum told the Council that the County was receiving \$250,000 from the Palmetto Electric Coop and the funds would be used to extend the storm water system at CRBIP. Mr. Fulghum said the County was several years away from the MS4 storm water regulations, but he has been working with the attorney on a plan.

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 – Chairwoman Clark opened the floor to the public. **Barbara Bartoldus** recognized Mr. Moss for having the vision of the Port and that he and Councilman Johnson worked very hard on the Port. Ms. Bartoldus said that Waste Management manicured the Snake Road Garden and it looked great.

Adjourn - Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. The meeting ended at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman

