



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NOVEMBER 17, 2014**

MINUTES

5:00 P.M.

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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- Chairwoman Clark called the Workshop to order at 5:00 p.m.

Workshop – Discussion regarding A.C.E. – Ms. Daniels is present for the Workshop. Chairwoman Clark explained that the workshop was called to see how the Council could help and they don't want to see this valuable part of education be diminished in Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark commented that there has never been a problem with A.C.E. except for the last three years. Councilman Etheridge asked how long it has been since the capacity was met and Ms. Daniels responded that currently there are 493 students which included about 100 new students. Ms. Daniels said she felt there was a lack of effort and that they can have 550-600 students. Ms. Daniels discussed the clinical nursing program and the welding program and the reasons the classes have to be small. Ms. Daniels said that they can have larger classes in some subjects, but the welding class is capped at 8 students. Councilman Etheridge asked what she attributed the 100 new students enrolled. Ms. Daniels said they focused on the application process and assessed the students properly. Ms. Daniels said that they modified the application, loosened some of the restrictions, and added new programs.

Councilman Johnson asked about is A.C.E. should be part of the school district or its own school with its board. Ms. Daniels said she heard about the partnership with TCL and challenging the district's vision can be challenging. Ms. Daniels said she was hired to direct the school, not dismantle it. Councilman Johnson discussed the number of students from each County and the challenges of keeping it regional. Councilman Drayton commented that there are only 8 nursing students. Ms. Daniels said there were 12 in the program and in order to get some benefit an RN has been assigned to teach the clinical classes as the students rotate. Ms. Daniels said that if there was only 1 instructor, there can only be 8 students due to the concern of getting enough clinical hours, but they were working on it as a team and this way they can

have between 12-16 nursing students. Chairwoman Clark asked how much have they communicated with TCL and Ms. Daniels responded she has had very limited communication, the superintendent and the Board have explored more possibilities for Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark discussed the assistant director and that Beaufort County wanted to eliminate that position and A.C.E. needs Beaufort County unless something else can be worked out. Chairwoman Clark asked if A.C.E. could be run by an outside agency or does it have to come through the schools. Ms. Daniels said previously there was a director and two assistant directors, but when she took over, one assistant director was eliminated. Ms. Daniels said her position is between the Superintendent and the teachers. Chairwoman Clark said there needs to be one person in charge of A.C.E. Councilman Johnson asked if the school became all Jasper County and there were half the students, would the cost decline proportionately. Ms. Daniels said they would need to evaluate what the trends are and decide what programs are going to be maintained. Ms. Daniels said that Jasper County invests about \$1,000,000 in the Career Center and she is not sure what could be provided. Ms. Daniels said the Beaufort County provided \$2,532,000 to the Career Center's budget. Chairwoman Clark asked if Ms. Daniels could operate the school for only Jasper County students with \$1,300,000. Ms. Daniels said she could not operate the school as it is today and she would have to consider other options and curriculum. Councilman Johnson asked what it would cost to keep the school as it is today with half as many students. Ms. Daniels said that a \$1,600,000 to \$1,700,000 commitment would be needed. Chairwoman Clark said that \$6,000,000 was requested to upgrade the building. Ms. Daniels said that some of the problems have been eliminated and the cost is no longer necessary.

Chairwoman Clark adjourned the workshop at 5:30 p.m.

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Executive Session – Council Conference Room

Executive Session

Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to go into executive session for the 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 – Brown Campbell, Marlin Outdoor Advertising; 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 – Prospect Update, Camp Lake Jasper; and discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or 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 – Personnel Matters – Administrator, Attorney, Sheriff's Department. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session

Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to return to open session. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Chairwoman Clark asked for any actions as a result of executive session.

Councilman Etheridge moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to accept the recommendation from the administrator to change the pay grade for the County Attorney from 27 to 25. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to accept \$30,000 for the arrears of the lease from Marlin Outdoor Advertising. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Chairwoman Clark apologized for returning late from Executive Session. Chairwoman Clark said they were receiving an update for Sheriff Jenkins on what can be done to make Jasper County safer. Chairwoman Clark asked the citizens to work with the Sheriff and to become involved.

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

Invocation – Councilman Etheridge offered the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda - Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the agenda and to remove item D from the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Approval of the Minutes – 10/06/2014 and 10/20/2014 – Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the minutes of 10/06/2014 and 10/20/2014. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Presentation and Proclamations

Proclamation honoring Mr. Henry Osgood – Mr. Osgood was not present due to a death in the family.

Recognition of the USCB Sand Shark Cross Country Invitational – Members of the Sand Sharks coaching staff and team were recognized and a video of the event was presented.

Ordinances

Ronnie Malphrus – 3rd Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Jasper County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (Jasper County Schools Project); the Entering Into of Certain Covenants and Agreements; and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating to the Issuance of the Aforesaid Bonds, Including an Indenture and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto – Mr. Malphrus explained that the BANS were for

the two new schools and permanent financing was delayed until the bond market rates improved. Mr. Malphrus said the School District pledged their portion of the money from SCANA to pay for the bonds. Mr. Malphrus requested that the Council approve a permanent bond not to exceed \$3,900,000 and Mr. Malphrus added that it should be paid off by 2020 if not sooner. Councilman Etheridge asked if this would not increase the School District's debt service. Mr. Malphrus said this has nothing to do with debt service. Councilman Etheridge asked if this was the last BAN and Mr. Malphrus said that it was the last BAN. Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 3rd Reading of the Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Jasper County, South Carolina, Special Source Revenue Bonds (Jasper County Schools Project); the Entering Into of Certain Covenants and Agreements; and the Execution and Delivery of Certain Instruments Relating to the Issuance of the Aforesaid Bonds, Including an Indenture and Certain Other Matters Relating Thereto. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to approve the Hickory Hill Tract Development Agreement – Mr. Fulghum explained that this was the 1st public hearing and the 1st reading of the ordinance was done by title only at the last Council meeting. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing and announced that the 2nd public hearing will be held on Dec. 1, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 1st Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to approve the Hickory Hill Tract Development Agreement. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

LeNolon Edge – Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to add conditions for certain North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 56 uses; to adopt Section 11:7.15, to amend section 11:17.16, and to adopt Section 11:7.17, Section 11.7.18, and Section 11:7.19 – Mr. Edge explained that the planning commission recommend approval with the exception to name the department. Mr. Edge said the department is the Department of Environmental Control. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the Public Hearing and 2nd Reading of the Ordinance to Amend the Jasper County Zoning Ordinance, as amended, to add conditions for certain North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Sector 56 uses; to adopt Section 11:7.15, to amend section 11:17.16, and to adopt Section 11:7.17, Section 11.7.18, and Section 11:7.19. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum – 1st Reading of the Ordinance regarding the sale of the Brown Campbell Building (by title only) – Mr. Fulghum explained that they were working on the sale and purchase agreement for the proposed sale of the Brown Campbell Building at Cypress Ridge Business Industrial Park. Mr. Fulghum asked for 1st reading of the ordinance by title only. Councilman Drayton moved a Council Johnson seconded the motion that this be the 1st Reading of the Ordinance regarding the sale of the Brown Campbell Building (by title only. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum - 1st reading of the Ordinance regarding the acceptance of a portion of a road at Point South – Mr. Fulghum explained that the road was owned by the Point South Partners and accepting the road was part of the process for the construction of a spec building. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion that this be the 1st reading of the Ordinance regarding the acceptance of a portion of a road at Point South. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Councilman Etheridge commented that funds from the Transportation Committee would pay for this at no additional cost to the County.

Resolutions – There were no Resolutions.

Old Business

LeNolon Edge – Discussion regarding the Property Maintenance Code-Mr. Edge said he was going to host a workshop to discuss the details and he had a template that could be used. Mr. Edge said there were some concerns that there were items that were not appropriate for Jasper County. Mr. Edge asked the Council to schedule a workshop.

Wilbur Daley – Update on ISO Ratings and Tanker Trucks – Mr. Daley announced that the ISO staff would be here on Nov. 19 and felt the evaluation will be good. Mr. Daley said they will check a lot of paperwork and he will be notified of the grade. Mr. Daley said he should have 2 of the tankers by Thanksgiving and the other 3 by Christmas. Mr. Daley said the ISO will look at the truck's specifications and they will plug that information as soon as all the trucks are on site.

Andrew Fulghum – Discussion of Improvements to the Mary Gordon Ellis Bldg. – Mr. Fulghum said the Health Department was coming online and he wanted to make some improvements to the existing building. Mr. Fulghum provided the Council with a list of 8 items and he requested permission to put the work out to bid. Mr. Fulghum said he would bring the bids back to Council for approval and said he wanted to get the word out to local contractors.

Andrew Fulghum – Discussion regarding SRO Officers – Mr. Fulghum deferred discussion of this matter until a future meeting.

New Business - There was no new business.

Committee Reports Councilman Drayton reported that he attended the three school board redistricting meetings. Councilman Drayton said he was under the impression that the ISO ratings could not be done without the trucks. Mr. Daley said that the ISO procedure has been revamped. Councilman Drayton said he also met with Sen. Scott. **Councilman Johnson** reported that he attended an economic development meeting at Hampton Hall and he also met with Sen. Scott. **Vice Chairman Sauls** reported that he attended the winter session of the Economic Development Institute and while there they toured the BMW plant. Vice Chairman Sauls said that 85% of the BMW plant suppliers are all located nearby. Vice Chairman Sauls said the facility is powered by methane gas that is generated at a landfill located 9 miles away. Vice

Chairman Sauls also discussed the upcoming events of the Chamber of Commerce. **Councilman Etheridge** reported that he attended the redistricting meetings for the school board and he was embarrassed by the way some of the people degraded the people from Sun City. Councilman Etheridge said the Sun City residents want to help and they have many years of experience. Councilman Etheridge apologized to the citizens of Sun City for the way they were treated at the redistricting meetings and he wanted them to know he appreciated all they are doing to help. **Chairwoman Clark** said the people need to be respectful to people for who they are not what color they are and if they don't like what she has to say, don't come where she is preaching. Chairwoman Clark said the division must stop; people need to respect each other. Chairwoman Clark said the people of Sun City want to help in the schools, they have donated supplies for the schools and we need to be grateful that they are citizens of Jasper County. Chairwoman Clark said the people who want to change the demographics of an area should buy a house there. Chairwoman Clark encouraged the citizens to help the Sheriff and she said that the people need to tell him what they see or hear and they needed to be good stewards of the County.

Administrator's – Report – Mr. Fulghum asked that a member of the Council be appointed to the Be Green Committee. Chairwoman Clark said she would serve on that committee.

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. **Dr. Richie Reed** requested in writing a reason as to why November was not proclaimed the West's month. Dr. Reed said that November is education month and the Wests are a source of pride for the students and teachers. Dr. Reed said she provided the information in November and followed protocol in making her request. Chairwoman Clark said that she sets the agenda and many people made requests prior to Dr. Reed's request to have November named for others who have been involved in education. Being no further comments, Chairwoman Clark closed the floor to the public.

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

The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

Judith M. Frank, ccc
Clerk to Council

Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman

