



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC 29936
NOVEMBER 7, 2011- 4:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT: CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, VICE CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON, COUNCILMAN L. MARTIN SAULS IV.

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DALE TERRY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, PLANNING DIRECTOR DAVID JIROUSEK, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS, ROD PATSY GREENE.

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.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN SAULS GAVE THE INVOCATION.

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.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 10/17/2011 COUNCIL MEETING AND THE 10/11/11 DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING- COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE 10/17/2011 COUNCIL MEETING AND THE ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE 10/11/11

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING FOR INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

MILTON WOODS- JASPER COUNTY SALARIES – MR. WOODS DID NOT ADDRESS THE COUNCIL.

SAMMY TAYLOR- GREENWAY GROUP- LIGHT BULBS – MR. TAYLOR MADE A PRESENTATION REGARDING THE COST SAVINGS BY USING LED AND INDUCTION LIGHTING.

DOUG GRAHAM – LEVY ISO RATING – MR. GRAHAM PROVIDED A HISTORY OF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND THE NEW BELLINGER HILL STATION. MR. GRAHAM SAID THE NEW BELLINGER HILL STATION WAS BUILT AND PAID FOR BY THE VOLUNTEERS. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT THE VOLUNTEERS ALSO PURCHASED A TRUCK FOR THE BELLINGER HILL STATION. MR. GRAHAM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE NEW ISO RATING FOR THE BELLINGER HILL AREA THAT THIS STATION COVERS WENT FROM A 10 TO A 5 AFTER THE STATION WAS BUILT. MR. GRAHAM SAID THAT RATING APPLIED TO 2 CHURCHES AND 59 HOMES. MR. GRAHAM SAID ALL THE HOMES AND BUSINESSES WITHIN 5 MILES OF EITHER STATION WILL HAVE AN ISO RATING OF 5 DUE TO THEIR ABILITY TO HAUL ENOUGH WATER. MR. GRAHAM SAID ONLY 17 HOMES AND 4 BUSINESSES WILL NOT HAVE THE 5 ISO RATING AND HE IS WORKING ON THAT. MR. GRAHAM SAID THE ISO RATING OF 5 WILL REDUCE THE HOME OWNER’S INSURANCE FEES. THE COUNCIL THANKED MR. GRAHAM.

ORDINANCES

DAVID JIROUSEK – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3rd READING TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 039-00-06-228 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON LIMEHOUSE ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE OWNER REQUESTED THE ZONING CHANGE IN ORDER TO OPEN AN BEAUTY SUPPLY COMPANY. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

MR. NOLAN EVANS INFORMED THE COUNCIL THAT HIS PROPERTY WAS ADJACENT TO THIS PROPERTY AND HE OBJECTED TO THE CHANGE OF ZONING AND HE FELT THAT IF THE ZONING WAS CHANGED, IT WOULD DECREASE THE VALUE OF HIS PROPERTY AND ZONING CHANGE WOULD ALLOW FOR OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESSES TO LOCATE THERE.

ANGELA JOHNSON TOLD THE COUNCIL SHE WAS CO-OWNER OF THE BUSINESS AND SHE OPERATED A BEAUTY SUPPLY STORE. MS. JOHNSON SAID ALL THE OTHER PROPERTY IN THAT AREA IS ZONING COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL AND A BEAUTY SHOP AND A CAR LOT ARE ALREADY THERE. MS. JOHNSON SAID THE ADJACENT PROPERTY COULD ALSO BE ZONED COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THE DECISION UNTIL THE COUNCIL HAD FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT OTHER RESIDENCES IN THE AREA. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THERE WAS A SCATTERING OF RESIDENCES AND OTHER BUSINESSES AND THAT THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL HAS CERTAIN ALLOWABLE USES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT BARS CANNOT GO IN A COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THAT WAS CORRECT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED MR. JIROUSEK IF HE SPOKE TO MR. NOLAN. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROPERTY WAS POSTED, THE NEIGHBORS WERE NOTIFIED BY LETTER AND THE ZONING CHANGE WAS ADVERTISED AND THIS IS THE FIRST RESPONSE THAT WAS RECEIVED. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON, ETHERIDGE AND SAULS VOTING FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY DID NOT VOTE.

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 2ND READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-18 AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE 09-32 - CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THE ORDINANCE DIED DUE TO A LACK OF A MOTION.

MARVIN JONES – 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT-LARGE METHOD TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCES 09-18 AND 09-32 – MR. JONES SAID THAT THIS ORDINANCE WAS DONE AT THE REQUEST OF VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND IT DEALT WITH SINGLE MEMBER DISTRICTS. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ORDERING A REFERENDUM REGARDING A CHANGE IN THE METHOD OF ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM THE EXISTING AT-LARGE METHOD TO SINGLE-MEMBER DISTRICTS METHOD; FORMULATING THE REFERENDUM QUESTIONS THAT ARE TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT IN SUCH REFERENDUM; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND TO REPEAL JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCES 09-18 AND 09-32. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

ANDREW FULGHUM – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2011-2012 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET- MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ORDINANCE WAS TO CORRECT ERRORS REGARDING THE MILLAGE FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR

OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. APPROVE THE 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND 2011-2012 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET . THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

KIM STATLER – 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY DANIEL DEFENSE- MS. STATLER EXPLAINED THAT THIS WAS PART OF THE INCENTIVE PACKAGE FOR DANIEL DEFENSE. MS. STATLER SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY HAS ALREADY PASSED A RESOLUTION REGARDING THIS MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT. MS. STATLER TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT DANIEL DEFENSE PLANS TO OPEN IN JANUARY AND THEY HAVE ALREADY HIRED 10 PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO ENTER INTO A MULTI-COUNTY PARK AGREEMENT WITH BEAUFORT COUNTY DANIEL DEFENSE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

DAVID JIROUSEK – 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 048-00-01-033 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON CYPRESS RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE TO THE MIXED BUSINESS ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT THE PROPERTY OWNER, MR. ROBERTS, REQUESTED THE CHANGE AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEWED THE REQUEST. MR. JIROUSEK TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE CURRENT INDUSTRIAL ZONING DOES NOT ALLOW RETAIL AND ACCESS WOULD NOT BE AN ISSUE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE STAFF AND PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMEND APPROVAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 048-00-01-033 AND GENERALLY LOCATED ON CYPRESS RIDGE DRIVE SOUTH FROM THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE TO THE MIXED BUSINESS ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS

MARVIN JONES – RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ALLENDALE, HAMPTON, JASPER COUNTIES ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION AND NEW LIFE CENTER ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY – MR. JONES TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT HE WAS CONTACTED BY MR. RICKENBACKER THE DIRECTOR OF THE NEW LIFE CENTER AND MR. JONES SAID THAT A RESOLUTION WAS NECESSARY TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ALLENDALE, HAMPTON,

JASPER COUNTIES ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION AND NEW LIFE CENTER ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE ALLENDALE, HAMPTON, JASPER COUNTIES ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE COMMISSION AND NEW LIFE CENTER ARE ONE AND THE SAME ENTITY. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE.

NEW BUSINESS

RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF I-T SUPPORT SERVICE – MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT HE ADVERTISED FOR BIDS FOR THE I-T SUPPORT SERVICES AND HE ONLY RECEIVED ON BID AND IT WAS FROM BC3 THE COMPANY CURRENTLY PROVIDING THE SERVICE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE BID WAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 PER MONTH OR \$97,500 PER YEAR AND IT IS A THREE YEAR CONTRACT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE I-T CONTRACT FROM BC3 FOR SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,500 PER MONTH OR \$97,500 PER YEAR FOR THREE YEARS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THIS WAS COVERED IN THE BUDGET. MR. MALPHRUS SAID IT WOULD BE PAID FOR THIS YEAR FROM TWO LINES IN THE BUDGET, THE SALARY LINE AND THE MAINTENANCE LINE AND IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN NEXT YEARS BUDGET. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT COST SAVINGS WERE PROJECTED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT HE HAS NOT PULLED THE NUMBERS AS VARIOUS COMPANIES ARE USED. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO KNOW WHAT HAS BEEN SPENT BEFORE IT CAN BE DETERMINED IF THERE IS A SAVINGS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE COUNCIL SHOULD HAVE HAD THOSE FIGURES BEFORE THEY HAD TO MAKE A DECISION. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THE COUNTY WAS CURRENTLY USING BC3 ON A HOURLY BASIS AND THE CONTRACT WILL SAVE MONEY. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID NO ONE WAS PROVIDED ANY NUMBERS REGARDING THE SAVINGS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY WILL NOT KNOW THE SAVINGS UNTIL THE COMPANY IS ON BOARD AND THEY CAN SEE WHAT MAINTENANCE CONTRACT MONEY CAN BE SAVED. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND ETHERIDGE AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN SAULS VOTED AGAINST.

COMMITTEE REPORTS- VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY DISCUSSED THE INSPECTION OF THE ROADS AND DITCHES. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY DISCUSSED THE SCHOOL BOARD AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE PEOPLE NEEDED TO GO TO THE SCHOOL BOARD WITH THEIR PROBLEMS, NOT THE COUNCIL BECAUSE THE SCHOOL BOARD WAS ELECTED TO HANDLE THE SCHOOLS. VICE CHAIRMAN

GREGORY SAID THE SCHOOLS ARE ALL ABOUT THE CHILDREN AND HE INVITED THE PUBLIC TO VISIT THE SCHOOLS.

COUNCILMAN SAULS SAID THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMITTEE WOULD BE MEETING NEXT MONTH

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT - MR. FULGHUM INTRODUCED EARL BOSTICK, JR., THE NEW I-T DIRECTOR.

RONNIE MALPHRUS ASKED TO BE PERMITTED TO FILL THE VACANCIES IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE AND IF THEY PROMOTE FROM WITHIN, THAT HE CAN ALSO FILL THAT VACANCY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FILLING OF THE VACANCIES IN THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE MONEY WAS IN THE BUDGET AND WERE THE POSITIONS NECESSARY. MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED YES TO BOTH QUESTIONS. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE ADMINISTRATION NEEDED TO NOTIFY THE COUNCIL PRIOR TO HIRING ANYONE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MR. DALEY DISCUSSED CPR TRAINING AND HOW TO USE AN AED FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. MR. DALEY SAID AED BOXES ARE INSTALLED IN 8 COUNTY TRUCKS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CPR AND AED TRAINING FOR ALL COUNTY EMPLOYEES. MR. DALEY SAID THE CLASSES WILL TAKE 8 HOURS AND THE SCHEDULE WILL BE ROTATED SO THAT ALL THE EMPLOYEES ARE NOT OUT OF THE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME. MR. DALEY SAID THE AED BOXES WILL BE PROVIDED AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY AND HE PLANNED TO HAVE ONE ON EACH FLOOR OF THE GOVERNMENT BUILDING AND THE COURTHOUSE. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE AED BOXES WERE INSPECTED ANNUALLY. MR. DALEY RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE AND THEY RECEIVED THE AED BOXES FROM ANOTHER FIRE DEPARTMENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT ADDITIONAL COSTS AND MR. DALEY RESPONDED IT IS ALL COVERED WITHIN HIS BUDGET. COUNCILMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE COST OF THE BOXES WHERE THE AEDS WILL BE INSTALLED. MR. DALEY SAID THEY COST ANYWHERE FOR \$150-\$300. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ARE THEY INSTALLED ON THE WALL OR IN THE WALL. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE WANTED TO ASK ANOTHER QUESTIONS AND CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID HE HAD HIS TURN COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE CALLED FOR POINT OF ORDER. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CALLED FOR THE VOTE. VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND SAULS VOTED FOR; CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE DID NOT VOTE.

MR. TERRY SAID THEY HAVE STARTED CLEARING THE UNDERBRUSH AT KNOWLES ISLAND TRESTLE AND CONSTRUCTION SHOULD START IN ABOUT A WEEK.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC - REQUEST TO BE HEARD PER ORDINANCE 08-17 - ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN UP TO

SPEAK AT ANY REGULAR MEETING OF COUNTY COUNCIL ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. INTERESTED CITIZENS MAY SIGN AN AGENDA LIST MAINTAINED BY THE CLERK TO COUNCIL PRIOR TO EACH REGULAR MEETING. CITIZENS WISHING TO SPEAK MUST INDICATE THE SUBJECT AND PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY SEEK TO ADDRESS COUNCIL AND INCLUDE THEIR NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. THE CHAIRMAN MAY PERMIT ADDITIONAL TIME FOR SPEAKERS. NO SPEAKER MAY USE LANGUAGE THAT IS OBSCENE, DISRUPTIVE, SCURRILOUS, OR RECKLESSLY DEFAMATORY – CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

DENISE DAVIDSON COMMENDED MR. GRAHAM FOR IMPROVING THE ISO RATING AND IMPROVING THE FIRE COVERAGE. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE HEARD CONCERNS ABOUT THE COSTS AND ASKED WHY NOT USE THE FUNDS BUDGETED FOR THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPROVE THE FIRE SERVICES IN OTHER AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND SAVE MONEY FOR THE CITIZENS OF JASPER COUNTY. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT KIM STATLER DISCUSSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND IS DOING A GOOD JOB. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED FOR A RESPONSE AS TO WHY THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR WAS NEEDED. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THE COUNCIL DOES NOT RESPOND DURING THIS SEGMENT OF THE MEETING. MS. DAVIDSON DIRECTED HER COMMENTS TO COUNCILMAN DRAYTON AND SHE SAID COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE PEOPLE OF RIDGELAND AND HARDEEVILLE SHOULD SUFFER. MS. DAVIDSON ASKED COUNCILMAN DRAYTON WHAT HE HAS DONE TO IMPROVE THE ISO RATINGS FOR THE CITIZENS. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT COUNCILMAN DRAYTON HAS DONE NOTHING BUT JUST WANTS TO SPEND \$120,000 ON AN UNNEEDED POSITION.

BECKY RAMOS TOLD THE COUNCIL HER FAMILY OWNS A BAR IN HARDEEVILLE AND THE ORDINANCE REQUIRING THEM TO CLOSE AT 2:00 A.M. IS UPSETTING HER GREATLY. MS. RAMOS SAID THEY WERE DOING PRETTY WELL UNTIL THE ORDINANCE AND NOW THEY CANNOT PAY THEIR EXPENSES. MS. RAMOS SAID IT WAS NOT FAIR THAT SOME BARS HAVE TO CLOSE AND OTHERS CAN STAY OPEN. MS. RAMOS SAID THAT TEMPTATIONS WAS GRANTED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY TO STAY OPEN AND WHAT APPLIES TO ONE BAR SHOULD APPLY TO ALL. MS. RAMOS SAID HER WHOLE LIFE HAS BEEN AFFECTED BY THE ORDINANCE. CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT TEMPTATION WAS NOT EXEMPTED BY THE COUNTY.

BARBARA BARTOLDUS DISCUSSED HER CONCERN WITH THE STATE MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CHANGES AT HWYS. 336 AND 462. MS. BARTOLDUS THANKED VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY FOR HIS INTEREST AND INPUT ON THIS PROJECT. MS. BARTOLDUS ASKED THE COUNCIL TO TRY AND STOP IT SINCE IT IS A HISTORICAL AREA. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID SHE THOUGHT THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE COULD HELP WITH FLASHING LIGHTS.

DR. WASHINGTON INVITED THE COUNCIL AND THE PUBLIC TO THE SCHOOL FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION MONTH. DR. WASHINGTON SAID SHE WAS PART OF THE ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AND UNDERSTOOD THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOLS WITH RESPECTS TO ATTRACTING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. DR. WASHINGTON INVITED EVERYONE TO A BREAKFAST ON THE 10TH AND TO SEE THE GOOD THINGS THAT ARE HAPPENING.

PAUL BREDWELL SAID HE HAS BEEN A CITIZEN OF JASPER COUNTY FOR 15 YEARS AND HE IS A COLLEGE GRADUATE WITH DEGREES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND BUSINESS. MR. BREDWELL SAID HE RESPONDED TO AN AD FOR VOLUNTEERS AT THE SCHOOLS AND HE MONITORED CLASSROOMS AND TESTS. MR. BREDWELL SAID HE WANTED TO HELP, BUT NEEDED TO BE CALLED UPON. MR. BREDWELL SAID THERE ARE GOOD STUDENTS AND BAD STUDENTS AND IT IS A PRETTY GOOD SCHOOL SYSTEM, BUT IT HAS A BAD REPUTATION. MR. BREDWELL SAID WHEN SOMEONE VOLUNTEERS TO HELP, THEY WANT TO HELP, NOT HAND OUT ORANGES.

ROBERT HOLBROOK SAID HE LIVED IN SUN CITY AND THAT HE SERVED ON THE COUNCIL, PLANNING BOARD AND SCHOOL BOARD IN RHODE ISLAND PRIOR TO MOVING HERE. MR. HOLBROOK SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE VANDALISM AT THE HARDEEVILLE SCHOOL AND HE WONDERED WHY THERE WAS NO SECURITY. MR. HOLBROOK ASKED WHAT THE FUTURE WAS FOR THE BUILDING AND WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT. MR. HOLBROOK SAID HE SUPPORTS EDUCATION AND HE DID NOT THINK THE SCHOOL FUNDS SHOULD GO TO REPAIR THE VANDALISM. MR. HOLBROOK SAID HE FELT THE SCHOOL FUNDS SHOULD BE USED FOR SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION OR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY. - CITY OF HARDEEVILLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE DISCUSSION OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE PROPOSED LOCATION, EXPANSION OR THE PRO- VISION OF SERVICES ENCOURAGING LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY. - CITY OF HARDEEVILLE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – COUNCILMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY SECONDED THE MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR STATED THAT THE COUNCIL RECEIVED INFORMATION ON THE HARDEEVILLE ECONOMIC PROJECT.

CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR ANNOUNCED THAT THE COUNCIL WOULD BE GOING TO A WORKSHOP IN CHARLESTON ON NOV. 10, 2011 AND THEY WOULD BE TOURING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND SUN CITY ON NOV. 21, 2011 AND SOME OF THE COUNCIL MEMBERS WILL BE ATTENDING THE OYSTER ROAST ON NOV. 17, 2011.

ADJOURN - VICE CHAIRMAN GREGORY MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN SAULS SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 9:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

LEROY BLACKSHEAR
CHAIRMAN