



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
DECEMBER 5, 2016  
MINUTES**

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

Staff Present: Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney David Tedder, Director of Emergency Services Wilbur Daley, Planning Director Lisa Wagner, IT Director Earl Bostick, Jr.

Staff Absent - Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry

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 – Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Clark 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 – Section 30-4-70 (a) (2) – A.C.E., Jasper County Delegation Office Matters, Ridgeland/Claude Dean Airport and 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)- Projects Update. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Return to Open Session – Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to return to open session.

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

Invocation – Councilwoman Clark gave the invocation.

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

Approval of the Minutes – 10/17/2016 - - Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Chairman Sauls announced that the Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting has been cancelled.

#### Presentation and Proclamation

Surrenda Burrison – Families in Transition- Ms. Burrison provided information to the Council regarding the number of homeless in Jasper County. Ms. Burrison said there were 207 homeless people in Jasper County and while there were shelters for men and boys, there was not a shelter for women, children or families. Ms. Burrison told the Council that they would like to team up with the County and present their recommendations to the Council. Ms. O'Bannon said they had 7 organizations tracking the homeless and that the committee meets monthly. Ms. Dunham discussed the funding they have received and that they have been able to put some people up in hotels.

Palmetto Electric – Presentation of Donation of RDA Funds- Trey Hunter and Ashley Feaster presented the Council with a check for \$63,000 from Palmetto Electric. The RDA funds are to be used to continue with the storm water development at the CRBIP. Chairman Sauls thanked Palmetto Electric for their continuing support of Jasper County.

Kevin Smith – Update on Rivers Reach (formerly The Settings at MacKey Point)- Mr. Smith provided a summary of the Rivers Reach Project and said that Phase I is almost complete and the irrigation system being installed. Mr. Smith also updated the Council on the bond status. Vice Chairman Johnson asked when a building permit could be issued and Mr. Smith said he could not answer that. Mr. Smith said he was not sure why the water and sewer was not ready. Mr. Smith said they are making sure what needs to be completed is done prior to releasing any funds. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Wilson is in charge of the timeline and they are trying to get phase I complete as soon as possible.

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. **Hampton Lloyd** said there were 39 residents on Schingler Ave. and the Natures Calling Business start work at 3:30 a.m. and they are not complying with the agreement they made with Jasper County. Mr. Lloyd said the property value has declined, the people cannot sleep and something needed to be done as this has been happening for over a year. Mr. Lloyd asked to be notified when something has been done. **Harry Williams** said that the Sun City Veterans Association would like to send Christmas packages to Jasper County soldiers that are deployed. He asked that the public contact him if they have a son or daughter that is serving overseas. Mr. Williams said the people could also contact Ms. Frank or Ms. Cradle. Being no further comments, Chairman Sauls closed the floor to the public.

#### Resolutions

Andrew Fulghum – Resolution amending the 2015 RDA Contract with Palmetto Electric and accepting additional RDA funds- Mr. Fulghum said the resolution authorizes him to sign the 2016 contract and the addendum to the 2015 contract. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to approve the Resolution amending the 2015 RDA Contract with Palmetto Electric and accepting additional RDA funds. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

David Tedder – Resolution acknowledging assignment of Coastal Carolina Medical Office Building FILOT Rights- Mr. Tedder explained that the 2004 FILOT rights could be assigned if the ownership was transferred and there would be no change in the money. Chairman Sauls recused himself from the discussion and vote. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to pass the resolution acknowledging assignment of Coastal Carolina Medical Office Building FILOT Rights. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### Ordinances

Lisa Wagner 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County South Carolina Comprehensive Plan, to add Gateway Corridor Overlay District to Chapter 6.4 Future Development Plan Framework- Ms. Wagner explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Comprehensive Plan to include a Gateway Corridor Overlay District (GCOD) along a portion of Highway 17 south. According to state law, all zoning map amendments must be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan. The purpose and intent of the GCOD is to allow a mix of commercial land uses that can coexist with residential land uses and provide overall design standards that will enhance the entrance into the county and discourage incompatible land uses that may detract from the image of the corridor. Mr. Tedder said it only changes the template of what would be good framework for text amendments creating a standard for the Zoning Ordinance. Miss Wagner said the public hearing ads have gone out and that is why people have been calling Council. Mr. Tedder said that they needed to have the Comp plan in place and that information can be obtained from the Planning Commission. Ms. Wagner said the Comp Plan is a generalized statement. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of an Ordinance to amend the Jasper County South Carolina Comprehensive Plan, to add Gateway Corridor Overlay District to Chapter 6.4 Future Development Plan Framework. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Lisa Wagner – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 029-39-04-020 located at the intersection of Church Road and Wicks Lumber Road from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map – Ms. Wagner explained that : The subject property consists of .09 acres and is located at the intersection of Church Road and Wicks Lumber Road. The Applicant has requested a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning designation from Residential (R) to Community Commercial (CC). The property is currently developed as commercial but has lost its legal non-conforming status. The commercial structure has previously been used as a fish market, fruit and vegetable market, and a barber

shop. The applicant would like to restore the property back to a neighborhood type of commercial use. Vice Chairman Johnson moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 029-39-04-020 located at the intersection of Church Road and Wicks Lumber Road from the Residential Zone to the Community Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### Old Business

Andrew Fulghum – Appointment of members to the Jasper County Aeronautics Board and establish terms- Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to appoint Richard Dean to replace Claude Dean, Avery Cleland to replace Gene Cleland and to reappoint Charles Pinckney. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Andrew Fulghum - JCTAC Funding Recommendations – Mr. Fulghum said that JCTAC recommends the approval of an additional \$300,000 for the entrance at Cypress Ridge - Mr. Fulghum requested the Council's approval of the JCTAC recommendations to approve an additional \$300,000 for the road improvements at CRBIP near TICO. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to approve the additional \$300,000 as approved by JCTAC, The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

#### New Business

Wilbur Daley – Exercise the option to renew debris removal contract – Mr. Daley asked that the contract be extended for another 2 years, and asked for an additional 2 years. Mr. Daley said they have served the County well. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to renew the debris removal contact as presented by Mr. Daley. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Earl Bostick – Global Kynect – Mr. Bostick explained that cyber crime has increased and JC needed protection so that they are not hacked. Mr. Bostick said the cost would be \$35,000-\$40,000. Councilman Etheridge asked if it was in the budget and Mr. Bostick said that 4 payments of \$8,750 could be made. Councilwoman Clark said this is something that is needed and all of I-T needed updated and they needed more manpower. Mr. Bostick said it would take about 4 months for the process to be complete and all inadequate equipment would be replaced. Vice Chairman Johnson said that he felt it was a very one sided contract. Mr. Bostick said they look for what the criminals look for to break in. Mr. Bostick said he felt this company will work together with the staff and it allows I-T to grow, repair and manage their own staff. Councilman Etheridge asked if this should be tabled until the contract is corrected. Vice Chairman Johnson said no. Councilman Drayton moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to approve the request from Mr. Bostick. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

Council Members' Comments – **Councilwoman Clark** reported that she attended the library meeting, the Legislative Conference and that she spoke with several senators as to what they

were doing with regards to the roads and the JC Port. **Councilman Drayton** said he attended the Exit 5 briefing and also the parade. **Vice Chairman Johnson** reported that he attended the parade and the Port meeting. **Councilman Etheridge** said he attended a community center meeting in Tarboro and the trustees meeting for the library. **Chairman Sauls** said the library committee was selling bricks to raise money for the library. Chairman Sauls said the joint project office passed a resolution for \$21,000,000 over 5 years for SC and GA each for funding the entrance to the port.

Administrator's Report- Mr. Fulghum said there would be a joint meeting on January 31, 2017 regarding the Port at the Hardeeville School.

Mr. Fulghum said that the I-T issues regarding a security network needed to be compliant and Mr. Bostick is working on providing the costs of the items and he will be coming forward with that information over the next few weeks.

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

The meeting ended at 8:05 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

