



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**358 THIRD AVE.
RIDGELAND, SC 29936
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2010
5:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

OFFICIALS PRESENT- CHAIRMAN GEORGE HOOD, VICE CHAIRMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE

OFFICIALS ABSENT – COUNCILMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMAN TYLER

STAFF PRESENT- ANDREW FULGHUM – ADMINISTRATOR, MARVIN JONES- ATTORNEY, JUDITH FRANK- CLERK TO COUNCIL, DAVID JIROUSEK- DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND ZONING, CHRISTY HERMAN – SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR

CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRMAN HOOD CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 5:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – CHAIRMAN HOOD LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR GAVE THE INVOCATION.

1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A QUITCLAIM DEED WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND (BY TITLE ONLY) – MR. JIROUSEK EXPLAINED THAT RIDGELAND ASKED THE COUNTY TO ISSUE A QUICK CLAIM DEED TO THE PROPERTY. MR. JIROUSEK SAID THE PROPERTY WAS LOCATED NEXT TO WENDY'S AND A SMALL PARCEL ACROSS SYCAMORE DRIVE. MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE CANNOT FIND WHERE THE COUNTY HAS ANY INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY. CHAIRMAN HOOD ASKED WHO OWNED THE PROPERTY AND MR. JIROUSEK SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT A QUICK CLAIM DEED WOULD TURN ANY INTEREST THE COUNTY MAY HAVE OVER TO THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 1ST READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A QUITCLAIM DEED WITH THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND (BY TITLE ONLY). THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 335 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY AND CONVEYANCE TO LEGACY RESOURCES, LLC – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF A HOUSE WAS REAL PROPERTY AND WAS AN ORDINANCE NEEDED TO SELL IT. MR. JONES SAID THAT IT WAS A TECHNICAL QUESTION AS THE HOUSE IS ATTACHED TO THE REAL ESTATE AND THEY WOULD BE CONVEYING THE RIGHTS TO MOVE THE HOUSE OFF OF THE REAL ESTATE AND AN ORDINANCE WAS NOT NEEDED. VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO PASS THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REMOVAL OF A STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 335 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND, SC AT NO COST TO THE COUNTY AND CONVEYANCE TO LEGACY RESOURCES, LLC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

GRANT – MR. FULGHUM INFORMED THE COUNCIL OF A GRANT FOR \$60,000 THAT WAS RECEIVED BY CHAMPION PELLET FOR SITE WORK AND INFRASTRUCTURE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE COUNTY NEEDED TO SIGN TO ACCEPT THE GRANT. MR. FULGHUM SAID THERE WOULD BE NO COST TO THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GRANT. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

LETTER FROM ARTHUR MURPHY – CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT MR. MURPHY REQUESTED ANSWERS TO HIS QUESTIONS AT THE LAST MEETING. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THE MR. MURPHY WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH THE RESPONSES HE RECEIVED FROM MR. FULGHUM. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE TALKED WITH MR. MURPHY AND HE RESPONDED TO MR. MURPHY'S LETTER REQUESTING DOCUMENTATION REGARDING A FINE. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE SENT MR. MURPHY A COPY OF THE STATE LAW REGARDING THE FINE. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE NEVER HAD AN ATTENDENT AT THE SITE DIRECT HIM AND HE WAS NEVER MADE AWARE OF ANY FINES. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE FELT THE INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINE SHOULD BE POSTED AT THE SITES. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE GOES TO THE COOSAWHATCIE SITE AND THE ATTENDENTS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN RESPECTFUL AND HELPFUL. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID HE HAS NEVER SEEN ANY CONFRONTATIONS BY ANY ATTENDENT AT ANY OF THE SITES THAT HE HAS USED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT SOME OF THE FAULT WAS CAUSED BY THE COUNTY EMPLOYEE. CHAIRMAN HOOD TOLD MR. MURPHY THAT THE COUNTY WILL SEND HIM ANOTHER LETTER AND HE ASKED MR. MURPHY TO MEET WITH MR. FULGHUM. MR. MURPHY SAID HE WENT BACK TO THE SITE AND THE ATTENDENT IS THERE TO DIRECT THE PEOPLE AND IF HE HAS

ALREADY PUT SOMETHING INTO THE DUMPSTER, HE IS NOT GOING TO GO INTO THE DUMPSTER TO REMOVE IT AND PUT IT SOME PLACE ELSE. MR. MURPHY SAID HE THOUGHT THE POLICY NEEDED TO BE CHANGED AND THAT IF THE ATTENDENT IS NOT THERE TO DIRECT THE PEOPLE, HE DID NOT THINK THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE TO GO INTO THE DUMPSTER AND SEPARATE THE TRASH. CHAIRMAN HOOD SAID THAT MR. MURPHY WOULD BE RECEIVING ANOTHER DIRECTIVE FROM MR. FULGHUM.

MR. HERBERT PINCKNEY THANKED CHAIRMAN HOOD FOR A JOB WELL DONE DURING HIS TERM IN OFFICE. CHAIRMAN TOLD MR. PINCKNEY HE APPRECIATED HIS COMMENT AND HE HAS ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE HE HAS SERVED.

MR. GRANT SAID HE WAS PRESENT TO TALK ABOUT A HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN HARDEEVILLE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR.

ADJOURN - COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING. THE MOTION WAS CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 5:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

DR. GEORGE M. HOOD
CHAIRMAN