



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 1, 2016  
MINUTES**

**6:30 P.M.**

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

**Officials Absent:** Councilman Theodus Drayton

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

**Staff Absent:** Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus

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 special called meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Chairman Sauls led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation** – Councilwoman Clark gave the invocation.

**Approval of Agenda** – Councilwoman Clark moved and Vice Chairman Johnson seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Approval of the Minutes – January 19, 2016** – Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion to approve the January 19, 2016 minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Presentation and Proclamations**

**LCOG- Public Hearing – Needs Assessment** – Ms. Knight reviewed the information regarding the CBDG Grants that are available and also the timeline for applying. Ms. Knight explained the amount of funding involved and how the funds can be used. Ms. Knight explained the match that would be needed for the grants. Chairman Sauls opened the public hearing; there were no comments. Chairman Sauls closed the public hearing. Ms. Knight asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

**Annamarie Reiley-Kay – Morris Center for the Lowcountry Heritage – Not present.**

### **Ordinances**

**Lisa Wagner- 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to zone or rezone portions of property (1) bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-00-09-053, portions of property (2) bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-00-09-009, and 1.66 acres as shown on Exhibit A, a reconsolidation and subdivision plat prepared by Aliquot Surveying Associates, dated July 22, 2015 located along South Okatie Highway from the Community Commercial Zone and the Rural Preservation Zone to the Community Commercial Zone and the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map-** Ms. Wagner said the rezoning was for 3 pieces of property and a Dollar General was going to be built. Ms. Wagner said the change was consistent with the County’s comprehensive plan and the Planning Commission recommended approval. Councilwoman Clark moved and Councilman Etheridge seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of an ordinance To amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to zone or rezone portions of property (1) bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-00-09-053, portions of property (2) bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 038-00-09-009, and 1.66 acres as shown on Exhibit A, a reconsolidation and subdivision plat prepared by Aliquot Surveying Associates, dated July 22, 2015 located along South Okatie Highway from the Community Commercial Zone and the Rural Preservation Zone to the Community Commercial Zone and the Rural Preservation Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Resolutions –** There were no resolutions.

**Old Business –** None.

### **New Business**

**Andrew Fulghum – Appointment of two members to the Library Board-** Mr. Fulghum explained that the director of AHJ notified him and two people were needed to be added to the board. Councilman Etheridge moved and Councilwoman Clark seconded the motion to appoint Leslie Jones Hart and Stewart Schatz to the Library Board. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Council Members’ Comments –** Councilwoman Clark reported that she attended Insurance Trust meeting and that they discussed getting workers compensation claims down. Councilman Etheridge said he has been meeting with citizens throughout the County regarding issues with roads and ditches. Councilman Etheridge said he contacted Malzone Russell, SCDOT and asked him to look into it. Councilman Etheridge commented that they needed to look into applying for grants to build a community center in the Gillisonville, Grays, Rivers Hill area. Vice Chairman Johnson reported on a meeting he attended regarding a master plan for Parks and Recreation. Councilwoman Clark commented that the Levy, Hardeeville Toomerville areas are being flooded. Councilman Etheridge said the ditches all need to be cleaned out and Chairman Sauls added that the Savannah River is at flood stage. Chairman Sauls said he met with the Alliance and they discussed the Promise Zone. Chairman Sauls said that he met with a concerned citizen regarding signage to slow traffic down. Chairman Sauls said the Joint Council Meeting was held and they met with law enforcement officials concerning a joint proactive effort to deter crime. Chairman Sauls provided dates for the upcoming Chamber events. Chairman Sauls said the Council had a very positive meeting with the School Board.

**Administrator’s Report –** Mr. Fulghum said that he received 3 or 4 applications for the Risk Manager position and none of the applicants were suitable and he will discuss this position at the retreat.

**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. Mr. Fishbourne thanked the Council for their assistance and for resolving the issue he had. Being no further comments, Chairman Sauls closed the floor to the public.

**Adjourn- Councilwoman Clark 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 7:45 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