



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
FEBRUARY 2, 2015  
MINUTES**

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

**Officials Absent:** Councilman Henry Etheridge

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Attorney Marvin Jones, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Director of Engineering Services Dale Terry, Planning Director LeNolon Edge, Planning and Zoning Coordinator Lisa Lamb.

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 meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Executive Session** – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion to go into executive session for the 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 – County Council. 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.

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

**Invocation** – Councilman Johnson gave the invocation.

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

**Approval of the Minutes –01/20/2015-** Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

### **Presentation and Proclamations**

**Public Hearing to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for housing, public facilities, and economic development in the County** – Ms. Knight explained that the public hearing was to solicit input from the public regarding the needs and priorities for housing, public facilities and economic development in the County. Ms. Knight told the Council that \$19,300,000 in CBDG grants was available and she explained the types of projects that were eligible. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing; there were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Sauls thanked Ms. Knight for all that she does for the County and Councilman Drayton said she did an excellent job and that additional information was available online.

**Public Hearing to review program performance and accomplishments conducted under a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project known as the Jasper County Health Clinic Project, CDBG #: 4-W-12-006-** Ms. Knight reported on the Health Dept. Clinic project and said they were ready to close the grant out. Ms. Knight said the project was completed under budget and the clinic is open and serving the people. Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing; there were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Chairwoman Clark thanked Ms. Knight and said that all CBDG grants must go through LCOG.

**Sandra Ligon – Presentation to the Community Relations Council** – Ms. Ligon presented certificates to John Carroll, Jacqueline Fields, George Simpson, Nancy Warren, Chris Malphrus, Pamela Williams and Eugene Williams. Ms. Ligon said that she had certificates for Mary Ann Rowell, Vicky Roberts, Jackie Chavers, and Elmetta White who were not present at the meeting, but have completed the training. Chairwoman Clark said this is a very important board in Jasper County and they will play a major role in stamping out racism. Chairwoman Clark said the individuals were chosen very carefully as the Council wanted the members who could see people as individuals. Chairwoman Clark said additional members were needed to represent other minorities in the County.

**Proclamation – February Black History Month** – Mr. Fulghum read the proclamation and Chairman Clark said the Council is sincere and wants all the people to celebrate February as Black History Month.

**Rev. Jerome Lewis – Kingdom Touch Ministries** – Rev. Jerome Lewis told the Council that the Kingdom Touch Ministries is a 501-3C organization run out of his church that is operated by volunteers and supported by his church members. Rev. Lewis said they are constructing a 15,000 sq. ft. education center and gym to cultivate the children from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Rev. Lewis said they have partnered with the schools and the buses bring the children to the center where they are fed and worked with. Rev. Lewis said the building permit costs \$26,000 and he requested that something be done to help them. Rev. Lewis said they do not receive

any funds from the County and he is aware of what was done for Rev. Chavers and his church and Rev. Lewis asked that the permit fee for his project be reduced. Chairwoman Clark commended Rev. Lewis for the work they are doing and the Council would take his request under consideration and he will receive a written response regarding his request.

### **Ordinances**

**Lisa Lamb- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (By Title Only)** – Ms. Lamb provided the Council with a red line version of the ordinance showing the necessary changes to be compliant and be able to participate in FEMA programs. Councilman Johnson said they don't have a choice or any discretion to change anything if they wanted to be compliant. Ms. Lamb said it was just language changes and the County was already operating under these standards. Ms. Lamb said some of the wording and definitions have been changed. Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion that this be the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the Ordinance to amend the Jasper County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (By Title Only). The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Resolutions** – There were no Resolutions.

### **Old Business**

**Chairwoman Clark – Appointment of Charles Mitchell to the Jasper County Human**

**Relations Council** – Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Charles Mitchell to the Jasper County Human Relations Council. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Andrew Fulghum – Appointment to the LRTA Board-** Mr. Fulghum asked if the Council had a candidate to appoint to the LRTA Board. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Johnson seconded the motion to appoint Mr. Jake Rawl. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor. Councilman Drayton asked if the rule concerning people being appointed to the board having to appear before Council. Councilman Drayton said he felt it is good for them to appear so that everyone will know them.

### **New Business**

**Andrew Fulghum – Amendment to the Waste Management Host and Disposal Agreement -** Mr. Fulghum explained that Waste Management requested an amendment to the agreement making the first payment be due in March instead of January. Councilman Drayton moved and Vice Chairman Sauls seconded the motion to approve the amendment as presented. The motion carried with all members present voting in favor.

**Dale Terry – Rock for Roads-** Mr. Terry requested permission to go to the planning commission to request funding for rock for County roads. It was the consensus of the Council to allow Mr. Terry to make the request to the Transportation Committee. Councilman Johnson said he like to see miles of roads rocked instead of paved. Chairwoman Clark said the State wants to turn

paved roads over to the Counties and she asked the citizens to call the legislature and tell them they are not in favor, and for our representatives to rally not to approve this.

**Committee Reports – Councilman Drayton** said he attended a meeting with the Tarboro Community and a meeting for the Jasper Ocean Terminal. Councilman Drayton said he was not as optimistic after attending that meeting since the only date mentioned was 2049. **Councilman Johnson** said he attended the same Terminal meeting and it was informally said that permits were going to be applied for in 2015, and he hoped ships would be docking before he is 104 years old. **Vice Chairman Sauls** said he attended an Alliance meeting in Columbia that was very informative. **Chairwoman Clark** said she attended the same meetings and she also attended a Workers Compensation meeting and things needed to be put in place to encourage the workers to be safe. Chairwoman Clark announced that the Feb. 17, 2015 Council Meeting is cancelled and the March 2, 2015 Council Meeting will be held in Hardeeville. Chairwoman Clark said she is in favor of public education she will fight for what is right for the schools, and the citizens need to come and look how the money is being spent by the School Board.

**Administrator’s Report** – Mr. Fulghum said his report was provided for information and he would be happy to answer any questions.

**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- No one signed up to speak.

**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 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Approved by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

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Barbara B. Clark  
Chairwoman

