



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL
358 THIRD AVE., RIDGELAND SC. 29936

COUNCIL CHAMBERS
APRIL 18, 2012, 3:30 P.M.
MEETING/WORKSHOP
MINUTES

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

OFFICIALS ABSENT: COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING SERVICES DALE TERRY, BUDGET ANALYST DENISE SMITH

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 GREGORY CALLED THE MEETING/WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 3:30 P.M.

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

INVOCATION – CHAIRMAN GREGORY GAVE THE INVOCATION.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

3:30 P.M. – USCB – DR. JANE UPSHAW- DR. UPSHAW COMMENTED THAT SHE LIKED THE ROUNDTABLE FORMAT FOR THE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS. DR. UPSHAW THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. DR. UPSHAW PROVIDED THE MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION FOR USCB. DR. UPSHAW UPDATED THE COUNCIL ON THE NUMBER OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED. DR. UPSHAW SAID THAT IN 2004 USCB HAD 6 BACCALAUREATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AND IN 2011 THEY HAVE 26 BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS. DR. UPSHAW SAID THAT LIFELONG LEARNING IS VALUED BY THE LOWCOUNTY CITIZENS AND IN 2004 3,133 PROGRAMS WERE DELIVERED AND IN 2011 9,869 PROGRAMS WERE DELIVERED. DR. UPSHAW TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT USCB IS THE FASTEST GROWING BACCALAUREATE UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE AND IT HAS THE LOWEST TUITION. DR. UPSHAW DISCUSSED THE VARIOUS EVENTS HELD BY THE UNIVERSITY THAT HAD A GREAT IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY OF JASPER COUNTY. DR. UPSHAW EXPLAINED THAT THE ENROLLMENT HAS GROWN FOR 680

FULL TIME STUDENTS IN 2002 TO 1,593 FULL TIME STUDENTS IN 2011. DR. UPSHAW SAID THE NUMBER OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES AWARDED BY USCB HAS INCREASED FROM 12 IN 2004 TO 288 IN 2012. DR. UPSHAW EXPLAINED THE ATHLETIC PARTNERSHIP THEY HAVE WITH THE RICHARD GRAY SPORTS COMPLEX WHERE THE SCHOOL'S TEAMS PLAY. DR. UPSHAW SAID THAT CURRENTLY 103 STUDENTS FROM JASPER COUNTY ARE BEING SERVED AT USCB WHICH IS IN INCREASE OF 29 STUDENTS SINCE 2009. DR. UPSHAW REQUESTED AN INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR THE UNIVERSITY. THE COUNTY FUNDED \$50,000 TO USCB IN 2011/12 BUDGET. DR. UPSHAW CHALLENGED THE COUNCIL TO FIND ANOTHER ORGANIZATION THAT IS MAKING THE ECONOMIC IMPACT TO JASPER COUNTY THAT USCB IS MAKING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS THANKED DR. UPSHAW FOR THE JOB SHE IS DOING AND THE IMPACT THEY HAVE IN THE COUNTY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO INCREASE THE ALLOCATION. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THEY HAVE DONE ANYTHING REGARDING CHANGING THE NAME OF THE UNIVERSITY. DR. UPSHAW SAID THAT SUBJECT IS NO LONGER ON THE TABLE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT SCAD. DR. UPSHAW SAID THE TUITION AT SCAD IS ABOUT \$40,000 PER YEAR AND SHE WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME OF THOSE STUDENTS AT USCB. DR. UPSHAW COMMENTED THAT THE ARTS MAKE STUDENTS CREATIVE AND INNOVATIVE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MANY OF THE STUDENTS WERE ATHLETES AND DR. UPSHAW RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE LESS THAN 10%, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE MADE A BIG IMPACT. DR. UPSHAW SAID THE UNIVERSITY ONLY AWARDS TUITION ONLY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BASEBALL. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE UNIVERSITY IS A POSITIVE THING FOR JASPER COUNTY BECAUSE A LOT OF STUDENTS, WHO WENT AWAY TO SCHOOL, COME BACK AND FINISH THEIR DEGREES THERE.

3:45 P.M. – FIRE WORKS DISPLAY – JANICE DEAN – MS. DEAN DISCUSSED THE 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS DISPLAY THAT HAS BEEN HELD ANNUALLY. MS. DEAN SAID THE DISPLAY IS ONE OF THE LARGEST ON THE EAST COAST AND THEY TRY TO GROW IT EVERY YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED HOW MUCH IT HAS BEEN COSTING AND MS. DEAN SAID ABOUT \$25,000 AND ALL THE WORKERS ARE VOLUNTEERS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE VENDORS AND MS. DEAN SAID THEY ALL PAY \$150-\$200 TO SET UP. MS. DEAN SAID THIS EVENT TOPPED MYRTLE BEACH AND SAVANNAH AND PEOPLE ARE COMING FROM ALL OVER TO THE EVENT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNTY ALSO PROVIDED THE EMS AND FIRE SERVICE FOR THE EVENT. MS. DEAN SAID THEY HAVE RECEIVED \$1,500 IN THE PAST AND HOPED THE COUNCIL COULD GIVE A LITTLE MORE.

4:00 P.M. – RIDGELAND LITTLE LEAGUE JAGUARS FOOTBALL – TASHA TINGMAN, REPRESENTING MR. ORR, REQUESTED \$7,277.72 FOR UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL TEAM AND CHEERLEADERS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID LAST YEAR THERE WAS TO BE TWO TEAMS, BUT THERE ENDED UP BEING ONLY ONE AND THE COUNTY GAVE \$1,000. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED HOW MANY CHILDREN PARTICIPATED AND MF. TINGMAN RESPONDED 100 FOOTBALL PLAYERS AND 50 CHEERLEADERS. MS. TINGMAN SAID THEY WORK WITH THE CHILDREN NOT ONLY WITH ATHLETICS, BUT ALSO WITH THEIR ACADEMICS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY CHARGE A REGISTRATION FEE AND MS. TINGMAN SAID THEY CHARGE \$55 WHICH INCLUDED THE EQUIPMENT AND INSURANCE. MS. TINGMAN SAID THEY OUTFIT THE CHILDREN FROM HEAD TO TOE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT THE CONCESSION STAND AND MS. TINGMAN SAID THEY MAKE ABOUT \$2,500 PER GAME AND THEY HAVE 5 GAMES PLUS THE BOWL GAMES. MS. TINGMAN SAID THEY PAY FOR THE TROPHIES, THE

BANQUET AND THEY CLEAN THE FIELD AFTER THE HIGH SCHOOL GAMES SO THEY DO NOT HAVE TO PAY TO RENT THE FIELD. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT PARENT PARTICIPATION AND MS. TINGMAN SAID SOME OF THE PARENTS HELP, BUT THEY DO THEIR BESTS TO GET IT DONE. MS. TINGMAN SAID ALL THE WORKERS AND COACHES ARE VOLUNTEERS AND THEY ALSO HELP THE CHILDREN ACADEMICALLY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THEY DO A GREAT JOB AND HE REMEMBERS PLAYING WHEN HE WAS YOUNGER AND THE CHILDREN WERE LUCKY TO HAVE HER. CHAIRMAN GREGORY THANKED HER FOR HER PRESENTATION AND SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE.

WILBUR DALEY – PRESENTATION OF COST FOR MATERIALS FOR FIRE TOWER ROAD FIRE STATION –

MR. DALEY PROVIDED A BREAKDOWN OF THE MATERIAL AND THE PRICES FOR THE MATERIAL. MR. DALEY SAID THAT PUBLIC WORKS WOULD DO THE SITE WORK AND HE HAS ALL THE PERMITS IN PLACE. THE TOTAL FOR THE MATERIAL WAS \$108,857.70. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF IT WOULD BE A BLOCK BUILDING AND MR. DALEY SAID THE OUTSIDE WOULD BE BLOCK AND INSIDE WOULD BE FIRE RATED SHEET ROCK. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED ABOUT THE LIGHTING FOR THE LIVING AREA AND THE BAY DOOR OPENERS. MR. DALEY SAID THE LIGHTING WAS FOR THE LIVING AREA AND THE BAY AREA AND THERE WOULD BE 6 BAY DOORS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS IF \$108,857.70 WAS THE TOTAL AND MR. DALEY SAID THAT WOULD COVER EVERYTHING FROM THE FORMING THE FOOTER TO OPENING THE DOORS. MR. DALEY SAID THE NEXT STEP IS TO PUT OUT TO BID FOR THE LABOR AND SEE WHAT THEY GET FOR A PRICE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THIS WAS A PRICE FROM ONE PERSON AND MR. DALEY SAID A CONTRACTOR HELPED HIM WITH IT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT ANY UNEXPECTED MATERIAL COSTS AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY WENT OVER THE PRINTS AND LISTED EACH ITEM. MR. DALEY TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THE BAY DOORS WILL COST ABOUT \$5,000 EACH. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE DESIGN WAS DECORATIVE OR PRACTICAL AND MR. DALEY SAID IT WAS A PLAIN JANE BUILDING. CHAIRMAN GREGORY COMMENTED ON THE COST TO SPRAY FOR TERMITES AND MR. DALEY SAID THEY ARE REQUIRED TO SPRAY THE AREA AND THEY ARE CHARGED BY THE SQUARE FOOT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID NOW THEY HAVE TO SEE IF THE COMMUNITY WILL COME FORWARD TO HELP BUILD IT. MR. DALEY SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THEFT OF THE MATERIALS IF THEY ARE SITTING AROUND. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WAS NOT SURE HOW HE DID NOT NEED A LICENSED CONTRACTOR TO SIGN OFF ON THE BUILDING; AND THEY NEEDED TO MAKE SURE THERE WAS SOMEONE TO OVERSEE THE CONSTRUCTION. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THAT THE BUILDING INSPECTORS WILL BE DOING THE INSPECTIONS AND VOLUNTEERS BUILT THE LEVY STATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THEY HAD TO HAVE A GENERAL CONTRACTOR. MS. LAMB SAID A GENERAL CONTRACTOR WAS NEEDED IF THE CONSTRUCTION IS NOT A PRIVATE RESIDENCE AND A GENERAL IS NEEDED TO PULL THE PERMITS. MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY DID SOMETHING LIKE THIS WHEN THEY BUILT THE ROSELAND STATION.

LISA LAMB – THOMAS AND HUTTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROPOSAL –

MS. LAMB POINTED OUT THAT IN PARAGRAPH 3 THE REASONS ARE LISTED AS TO WHY THOMAS AND HUTTON CANNOT GIVE THE AMOUNT THEY WOULD CHARGE TO UPDATE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. MS. LAMB SAID THEY NEED TO REVIEW THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT WILL BE NEEDED TO COVER THE SCOPE OF THE UPDATE. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE LCOG PLAN WOULD BE GENERALIZED WHILE THE THOMAS AND HUTTON PLAN WOULD BE CUSTOMIZED TO JASPER COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHY THIS WAS NOT DONE

EARLIER AND MS. LAMB RESPONDED THAT THE STAFF AND THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS GONE THROUGH IT, BUT IT NEEDS MORE PROFESSIONAL EYES TO GO OVER IT. MR. FULGHUM SAID IT IS PAST DUE BECAUSE OF THE TURNOVER IN THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THEY HAD A DO NOT EXCEED NUMBER AND MS. LAMB SAID SHE COULD NOT ANSWER THAT QUESTION, BUT THE REVIEW IS NOT TO EXCEED \$5,850 AND SHE DOES ANTICIPATE A NEED FOR AN UPDATE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ONLY THING THAT NEEDED TO BE DONE NOW WAS THE REVIEW AND THE UPDATE CAN BE DONE LATER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THERE WAS MONEY IN THE BUDGET FOR THIS AND MS. LAMB SAID IT WOULD BE COVERED BY FUNDS IN THE PLANNING LINE. MR. FULGHUM SAID ONCE THE REVIEW IS DONE AND THE SCOPE OF WORK IS DETERMINED THE COUNTY CAN ASK FOR PROPOSALS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED WHEN THE REVIEW WOULD BE COMPLETE AND MS. LAMB SAID IT WILL TAKE ABOUT 6 WEEKS AND THEY WILL MEET WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THEY WOULD CHECK AND REVIEW THE ENTIRE PLAN AND MAKE A LIST OF EVERYTHING THAT NEEDED TO BE CHANGED AND ADD ANY NEW MATERIAL THAT HAS NOT BEEN ADDED. MS. LAMB SAID TWO MEETINGS AND A PRESENTATION WILL BE DONE WHEN THE REVIEW IS COMPLETE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,850 FOR THE REVIEW OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND IT IS TO BE PAID FOR FROM THE PLANNING LINE IN THE BUDGET. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT COUNTY HAS SERVICE DELIVERY CONTRACTS AND THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE OVER SO THAT IT WILL GIVE OTHER PEOPLE ACCESS TO BIDDING ON COUNTY WORK.

ADJOURN – CHAIRMAN GREGORY ADJOURNED THE MEETING/WORKSHOP AT 5:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc
CLERK TO COUNCIL

APPROVED BY:

REV. SAMUEL GREGORY
CHAIRMAN