



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

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

JUNE 18, 2012

WORKSHOP MINUTES

6:00 P.M.

RENTY KITTY – BUSINESS LICENSE UPDATE

OFFICIALS PRESENT: VICE CHAIRMAN MARTIN SAULS IV, COUNCILMAN HENRY ETHERIDGE,

OFFICIALS ABSENT: CHAIRMAN SAMUEL GREGORY, COUNCILMAN LEROY BLACKSHEAR, COUNCILMAN THEODUS L. DRAYTON

STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, ASSESSOR SUSAN WAITE, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, HR DIRECTOR GLORIA LUCAS

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.

MR. KITTY REVIEWED THE BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATION, FEE SCALE AND THE METHOD HE USES TO CALCULATE THE AMOUNT OF THE BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. KITTY SAID FROM JUNE, 2011 UNTIL APRIL, 2012 HE COLLECTED \$136,471 AND HE WOULD PROVIDE THE NUMBERS FOR JUNE AT A LATER DATE. MR. KITTY SAID A LOT TO THE WORK IS DONE THROUGH TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS. MR. KITTY SAID OSHA SETS THE STANDARDS. MR. KITTY PROVIDED THE RATE CLASSIFICATIONS AND THE INDEX FOR THE BUSINESS GROUPS. MR. KITTY DEMONSTRATED HOW THE FEES WERE CALCULATED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THE TOWN OF RIDGELAND COLLECTED \$700,000 IN BUSINESS LICENSE FEES. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE COUNTY'S FEES WERE COMPARABLE TO THE FEES OF OTHERS IN THIS AREA. MR. KITTY SAID THAT HARDEEVILLE FEES ARE A LITTLE HIGHER AND BEAUFORT COUNTY'S FEES ARE ABOUT THE SAME, BUT THEY HAVE A LOT MORE CATEGORIES. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT FEEDBACK REGARDING THE FEES AND MR. KITTY SAID PEOPLE THOUGHT THEY WERE REASONABLE. MR. KITTY POINTED OUT THAT IF THE CONTRACTOR IS NOT FROM JASPER COUNTY THE FEES WERE HIGHER. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HARDEEVILLE DOUBLES THE FEE FOR OUT OF TOWN CONTRACTORS AND MR. KITTY SAID THE COUNTY DOES THAT TOO. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF A TITLE ABTRACTOR NEEDED A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. KITTY SAID THEY ARE A BUSINESS AND THEY NEED A LICENSE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED WHAT IF THEY WERE WORKING OUT OF ANOTHER COUNTY AND THEY DON'T NEED TO HAVE ONE THERE AND WHAT IF THE CITY DOESN'T REQUIRE A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. KITTY SAID IT SHOULD BE THROUGH THE TOWN IF THE COUNTY

DOES NOT HAVE JURISDICTION OVER THE BUILDING WHERE THEY ARE WORKING. MR. KITTY SAID IF THEY ARE MAKING MONEY IN THE COUNTY, THEY HAVE TO HAVE A BUSINESS LICENSE. MR. KITTY SAID THE SLIDING SCALE WAS IMPLEMENTED TO HELP BUSINESSES MAKING OVER 7,000,000 IN THE COUNTY. MR. KITTY SAID THIS IS SOMETHING THAT MAY NEED AMENDED. MR. KITTY SAID THAT OUT OF COUNTY CONTRACTORS IN THE COUNTY WOULD PAY \$207.80 IN THE COUNTY AND \$230 IN HARDEEVILLE FOR A BUSINESS LICENSE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THE COUNTY'S BIGGEST BUSINESS WAS PROBABLY WAL-MART. MR. KITTY SAID THERE WERE FIVE TOP GROSSING COMPANIES AND HE WOULD PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH A LIST ON FRIDAY. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THEY NEEDED TO LOOK AT OTHER COUNTIES AND SEE IF JASPER COUNTY'S FEES WERE IN LINE WITH THE SURROUNDING AREAS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WAS CONCERNED THAT LARGE COMPANIES HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF THEIR ANNUAL RECEIPTS AND HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE 1ST YEAR'S RECEIPTS AND HOW THEY WERE BEING CALCULATED. MR. KITTY SAID IF THEY ARE A NEW COMPANY THEY ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE AN ESTIMATE OF THEIR PROJECTED GROSS INCOME. MR. KITTY DISCUSSED PUBLIX AND WHEN THEY RENEW THE LICENSE IT WILL BE CALCULATED ON THEIR FIRST YEARS EARNINGS. MR. KITTY SAID THEY WERE GLAD TO HAVE PUBLIX IN THE COUNTY. MR. KITTY SAID THE PEOPLE ARE ON THE HONOR SYSTEM WHEN STARTING OUT. MR. KITTY SAID WHEN THEY RENEW IN JUNE THE COUNTY WILL HAVE THE CORRECT AMOUNT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WAS PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE. MR. KITTY SAID IF THERE IS A QUESTION HE WILL GO TO THE ADMINISTRATION. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THEY SHOULD SUBMIT IN WRITING WHAT THE ANNUAL AMOUNT IS AND THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT RELY ON WHAT THEY ARE TOLD. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THE COUNTY RECEIVES ANYTHING IN WRITING REGARDING THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF THE BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE COUNTY. MR. KITTY SAID HE RECEIVES A REPORT FROM THE IRS AND HE WOULD BE MORE DILIGENT THIS YEAR. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE APPLICANT CERTIFIES THAT THE TRUE AMOUNT IS PROVIDED WHEN HE SIGNS THE APPLICATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE KNOWS SOME COMPANIES HAVE LARGE GROSS RECEIPTS AND HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE PAYING THEIR FAIR SHARE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED FOR AN ESTIMATE OF THE COLLECTIONS FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS AND MR. KITTY RESPONDED ABOUT \$60,000, BUT HE WOULD HAVE EXACT NUMBERS AT THE END OF JUNE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ANY MONEY COLLECTED IN JULY IS COUNTED FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID LAST YEAR IN MAY AND JUNE BROUGHT IN \$200,000 AND THEY NEEDED TO DO IT AGAIN THIS YEAR. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THEY HAVE SOME WORK TO DO. THE WORKSHOP ENDED AT 6:45 P.M.

MEETING AGENDA

7:00 P.M.

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

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STAFF PRESENT: ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. DR. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS, DIRECTOR OF

EMERGENCY SERVICES WILBUR DALEY, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, BUDGET ANALYSIS DENISE SMITH, ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB, BUSINESS LICENSE COORDINATOR, RENTY KITTY, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES GLORIA LUCAS

CALL TO ORDER: VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS LED THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

INVOCATION – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE GAVE THE INVOCATION.

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APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TO DELETE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 5/16, 2012 AND 5/23/2012 BUDGET WORKSHOPS - COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF 5/16/2012 AND 5/23/2012. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

PROCLAMATIONS AND PRESENTATION - NONE

ORDINANCES

LISA LAMB – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 087-00-07-004 LOCATED AT 6935 WEST FRONTAGE ROAD FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO THE COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE ON THE JASPER COUNTY OFFICIAL ZONING MAP –_MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES SINCE THE LAST READING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY SO AS TO TRANSFER A PROPERTY BEARING JASPER COUNTY TAX MAP NUMBER 087-00-07-004 LOCATED AT 6935 WEST FRONTAGE 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.

LISA LAMB –PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO CREATE WITHIN THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF JASPER COUNTY AN INTERSTATE PROXIMITY OVERLAY DISTRICT (IPOD) TO THE LIST OF SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS, TO AMEND SECTION 5:4 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING

ORDINANCE SO AS TO ADD A PURPOSE AND INTENT FOR THE INTERSTATE PROXIMITY DISTRICT (IPOD), TO AMEND ARTICLE 8 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO ADD SECTION 8:6 RELATED TO AN INTERSTATE PROXIMITY OVERLAY DISTRICT (IPOD), TO AMEND TABLE 4 OF ARTICLE 12 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE SO AS TO PROVIDE BUFFER YARD REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERSTATE PROXIMITY OVERLAY DISTRICT (IPOD), AND TO AMEND THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF JASPER COUNTY - MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES SINCE THE LAST READING. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. **RAYMOND HAMILTON** EXPRESSED HIS CONCERNS ABOUT THE OVERLAY DISTRICT AND HIS HOME IS LOCATED IN THAT AREA. MR. HAMILTON ASKED WHY HE WAS NOT NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE 1ST READING. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE DID NOT FEEL THE SIGNS THAT WERE POSTED WERE VISIBLE. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TAXES AND THE LONG TERM EFFECT ON THE ZONING CHANGE. MR. HAMILTON SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY DID THE SAME THING AND IT CAUSED THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BE TAXED OUT OF THEIR PROPERTY. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE HATED TO SEE A LEGACY OF FAMILY OWNED PROPERTY GONE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. BARBARA BARTOLDUS COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS FABULOUS PROGRESS AND THE SIGNS WERE POSTED PROPERLY WHEN SHE LOOKED AT THE AREA. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THIS IS A GOOD THING FOR THE COUNTY AND A GREAT OPPORTUNITY. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THE PROPERTY VALUES WOULD GO UP, BUT THE TAXES WOULD NOT INCREASE AND SHE SAID THAT THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE 30 YEARS AGO. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT HE TOOK PICTURES OF THE AREA AND WHERE THE SIGNS WERE POSTED AND 5 NOTICES WENT OUT THROUGH POINT SOUTH AND THIS IS THE 2ND PUBLIC HEARING AND 64 PROPERTIES WERE NOTICED FOR THE 2ND AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE FELT THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT IS REQUIRED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT BUFFERS. MS. LAMB SAID THAT THE USE OF BUFFERS WERE EXPANDED AND THERE WOULD BE BUFFER YARDS FOR MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL USES. MS. LAMB SAID THE BUFFERS NEED TO BE 50 FT. FROM ALL PROPERTY LINES. MS. LAMB SAID THE 15 FT. BUFFER ONLY APPLIES TO THE HOSPITALITY TYPE BUSINESSES AND TRUCK STOPS. MS. LAMB REVIEWED THE VARIOUS USES ALLOWED IN GENERAL COMMERCIAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED ABOUT NOISE FROM THE TRUCK STOPS AND MS. LAMB SAID THAT NOISE, GLARE, AND HEAT ARE ALSO ADDRESSED IN THE ORDINANCE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT THE SIGNS CANNOT BE SEEN IN SOME OF THE PICTURES AND THIS IS THE 3RD READING AND ONLY NOW ARE THE RESIDENTS COMING OUT TO OPPOSE THIS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THEY SHOULD HAVE COME OUT IMMEDIATELY. MS. LAMB SAID THE PROPERTIES WERE POSTED AT THE END OF MAY AND THE EARLY PART OF MAY AND 64 LETTERS WERE MAILED TO GIVE NOTICE OF THIS ZONING REQUEST. MS. LAMB SAID ONLY ONE LETTER WAS RETURNED. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WAS EXCITED ABOUT THIS, BUT HE WANTED TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WAS TREATED FAIRLY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED MR. HAMILTON IF HE RECEIVED A LETTER. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE RECEIVED A LETTER ON MAY 31, 2012. MISS LAMB SAID THAT A LETTER WAS ALSO SENT ON MAY 8, 2012. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF MR. HAMILTON RECEIVED THE TWO LETTERS. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE DID RECEIVE 2 LETTERS, BUT HE FELT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED PRIOR TO THE 1ST READING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST

LISA LAMB – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO CONFIRM THAT THE LOT AREA, YARD, AND SETBACKS FOR DUPLEXES AND TOWNHOUSES SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY TABLE 1 OF SECTION 7:3 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE – MS. LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JASPER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED, SO AS TO CONFIRM THAT THE LOT AREA, YARD, AND SETBACKS FOR DUPLEXES AND TOWNHOUSES SHALL BE PRESCRIBED BY TABLE 1 OF SECTION 7:3 OF THE JASPER COUNTY ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CHAPTER NUMBER 5096 OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, INC. – MR. JONES SAID THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE ORDINANCE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS. CHAIRMAN SAULS CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND 3RD READING OF AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE ENTERING INTO A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH JASPER COUNTY RADIO CONTROL CHAPTER NUMBER 5096 OF THE ACADEMY OF MODEL AERONAUTICS, INC. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

MARVIN JONES – 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND MCCLURE REAL ESTATE TOWN PARK, LLC; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES – MR. JONES EXPLAINED THAT THE 1ST READING WAS BY TITLE ONLY AND THE AGREEMENT ADDRESSED THE PREVIOUSLY VOICED CONCERNS. MR. JONES SAID THAT IF THE PROPERTIES CONVEYED WOULD BE RETURN TO THEIR PREVIOUS OWNER IF THE PROJECT DID NOT MOVE FORWARD. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED ABOUT IF THIS WAS THE SAME PROPERTY THAT THE RESTROOM FACILITY WAS DISCUSSED AND MR. JONES SAID THAT IT WAS AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF IT WOULD BE INSTALLED AT THE EXPENSE TO THE COUNTY. MR. JONES SAID THE UTILITIES WILL BE INSTALLED BY MCCLURE REAL ESTATE TOWN PARK, LLC AND THIS WILL FACILITATE THE RESTROOM WHICH IS WANTED BY JASPER COUNTY AND WILL BE PAID FOR BY THE COUNTY. MR. DAVIS SAID HE WOULD BE WORKING ON A GRANT TO COVER THE RESTROOM, BUT THE IMPORTANT PART IS THE DEVELOPER WILL BE BRINGING THE INFRASTRUCTURE TO THE LOCATION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT THE RV PARK WILL HAVE A BATHHOUSE AND RESTROOMS FOR THEIR CLIENTS TO USE AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE BEING PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER WILL GO TO AN AREA IN THE PARK WHERE CAMPING IS DONE THROUGH THE PARK. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 2ND READING OF THE ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER AMONG JASPER COUNTY AND MCCLURE REAL ESTATE TOWN PARK, LLC; TO PROVIDE FOR THE EXCHANGE OF

PROPERTY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS AMONG THE PARTIES. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

RESOLUTIONS - NONE

OLD BUSINESS

RONNIE MALPHRUS – APPROVAL OF A-TAX FUNDS – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO TABLE THIS UNTIL THE NEXT BUDGET WORKSHOP.

ANDREW FULGHUM – APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TASK ORDER FOR NIMMER ROAD PAVING TAX PROJECT – MR. FULGHUM EXPLAINED THAT BIOMASS IS EXPANDING AND THEY HAVE REQUESTED ASSISTANCE WITH PAVING NIMMER TURF ROAD AND THIS IS THE ONLY INCENTIVE THEY HAVE REQUESTED FROM THE COUNTY. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE RECEIVED \$60,000 FROM THE STATE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND HE WAS GOING TO ASK THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE TO REALLOCATE THE \$150,000 IT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED. MR. FULGHUM PRESENTED A WORK ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,050 FROM THOMAS AND HUTTON FOR WORK ON THE ROAD. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF THIS WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM THE GRANT MONEY. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE ENTIRE PROJECT WOULD BE PAID FOR FROM OUTSIDE GRANT MONEY AND TC MONEY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE WHOLE PROJECT WOULD COST \$450,000 AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WOULD ONLY PAVE AS MUCH ROAD AS COULD BE DONE WITH THE GRANT MONEY AND TC MONEY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE SAME STANDARDS WERE BEING APPLIED LIKE THE OTHER ROAD THE COUNTY PAVED. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT THE ROAD WAS VOLUNTEER ROAD AND THE STANDARD FOR NIMMER TURF ROAD WOULD BE A SURFACE TO ACCOMMODATE THE TRUCKS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE WORK ORDER WITH THOMAS AND HUTTON IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,050 AND THAT IT WOULD BE PAID FOR BY THE GRANT FUNDS. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND ETHERIDGE VOTING FOR; COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST.

NEW BUSINESS

WILBUR DALEY – APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR FIRE SERVICE PLAN - CHIEF DALEY SAID HE RECEIVED 5 PROPOSALS FOR THE FIRE SERVICE PLAN AND HE PROVIDED THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF HE WORKED WITH THE ISO PEOPLE AND VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF SCAC HAS ANY RESOURCES THAT CAN BE USED BEFORE ANY MONEY IS SPENT. CHIEF DALEY SAID THE ISO PEOPLE WILL COME AND DO AN ISO RATING AND TELL THEM WHAT IS NEEDED TO GET THE RATINGS LOWERED, BUT THEY WILL NOT DO THE PLAN. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE WANTED TO GET A 5/9 RATING FOR THE COUNTY. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR ASKED IF THE REQUEST WAS FOR CONSULTING AND CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY RECOMMEND CITERION ASSOCIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000 AND IT WOULD BE COMPLETED IN 12 WEEKS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THIS HAS BEEN IN THE BUDGET FOR 11 MONTHS AND WHY DID HE WAIT SO LONG TO DECIDE A STUDY WAS NEEDED. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE WAS TOLD TO GET A PROPOSAL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE SC ASSOCIATION OF FIREMEN HAVE SOMEONE WHO COULD DO THE STUDY. CHIEF DALEY SAID HE WAS NOT SURE, BUT HE WOULD ASK. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE WAS

CONCERNED THAT THE LOW BIDDER HAS ONLY BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 2011. CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY LOOKED AT THE QUALIFICATIONS AND THE STAFF. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID HE WAS ALSO CONCERNED BECAUSE THEY WERE THE CHEAPEST AND THE FASTEST. CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY WORKED FOR ANOTHER COMPANY BEFORE THEY STARTED THEIR OWN COMPANY. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON RECOMMENDED THAT CHIEF DALEY GO TO THE SC FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION AND SEE IF THEY HAVE AN AGENCY THAT CAN DO THE WORK. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COUNCIL FOR CHIEF DALEY TO CONTACT SCAC AND THE SC FIREMEN'S ASSOCIATION BEFORE SPENDING ANY OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE COMMENTED THAT AT THE ELECTION THERE WAS A LOT OF CONFUSION ABOUT WHERE PEOPLE WERE TO VOTE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WOULD LIKE FOR THE STATE ELECTION COMMISSION AND THE LOCAL ELECTION COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE WHY THIS HAPPENED SO THAT IT DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN IN THE NOVEMBER ELECTION. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE CITIZENS DESERVED TO KNOW WHY THIS HAPPENED. **VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS** INFORMED THE CITIZENS THAT THE LOW COUNTY ECONOMIC ALLIANCE NO LONGER REPRESENTS JASPER COUNTY AND THAT THE COUNTY SENT BEAUFORT COUNTY A LETTER ADDRESSING THE ISSUE. CHAIRMAN SAULS EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTY JOINED THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE. CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT HE AND TWO MEMBERS FROM THE MUNICIPALITIES WILL SERVE ON THE BOARD. CHAIRMAN SAULS ADDED THAT THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE CONSISTS OF SIX COUNTIES AND IT IS A GREAT ASSET TO MOVE JASPER COUNTY FORWARD. CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT THE SOUTHERN CAROLINA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE HAS BEEN ASSESSING THE ASSETS OF JASPER COUNTY AND WHAT IT HAS TO OFFER AND THIS IS A GREAT MOVE TO INCREASE THE TAX BASE OF THE COUNTY THROUGH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – MR. FULGHUM PROVIDED THE COUNCIL WITH A PROGRESS REPORT AND INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMIC PROSPECT NEO AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NEEDED. MR. FULGHUM SAID HE HAS DONE A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ALSO MET WITH THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS TOLD MR. FULGHUM THAT HE IS DOING A GREAT JOB WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HE APPROVES OF WHAT MR. FULGHUM HAS DONE. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THAT CYPRESS RIDGE BUSINESS INDUSTRIAL PARK IS AT A STANDSTILL AND ASKED WHAT HE HAS DONE REGARDING IT. MR. FULGHUM RESPONDED THAT HE WILL BE PROVIDING INFORMATION ON THE CRBIP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

OPEN FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC –PER ORDINANCE 08-17 ANY CITIZEN OF THE COUNTY MAY SIGN TO SPEAK BEFORE THE COUNCIL MEETING ON MATTERS PERTAINING TO COUNTY SERVICES AND OPERATIONS. PRESENTATIONS WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES. (TOTAL PUBLIC INPUT WILL BE LIMITED TO 30 MINUTES)- VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. **ROB MCBRAYER** CONGRATULATED COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ON THE PRIMARY WIN. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THAT LAST YEAR THE COUNCIL WAS GIVEN 1,023 SIGNATURES TO NOT HIRE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR. MR. MCBRAYER SAID THE COUNCIL LISTED 3 GOALS FOR THE COUNCIL TO CONSIDER EDUCATION OF THE YOUTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT. **RANDY HORTON** PROVIDED A HANDOUT TO THE COUNCIL AND COMMENTED THAT THIS WAS A NEW

EXPERIENCE FOR HIM TO BE ALLOWED TO SPEAK. MR. HORTON SAID THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOT GIVEN THE INFORMATION THEY NEED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS AND HE ASKED FOR THE NUMBER OF TEACHERS LAST WEEK AND HE STILL HAS NOT RECEIVED THE INFORMATION. MR. HORTON SAID HE WAS TOLD TO GO ON THE INTERNET TO LOOK UP INFORMATION EVEN THOUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT HIRED A FINANCIAL PERSON FOR \$90,000. MR. HORTON, A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, SAID HE CANNOT DO THE JOB HE WAS ELECTED TO DO IF HE DID NOT HAVE THE INFORMATION. MR. HORTON SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS \$1,700,000 OVER BUDGET, \$500,000 WAS OVERPAID TO THE TEACHERS AND MONEY IS MOVED AROUND. MR. HORTON SAID THAT \$800,000 IN I-T EQUIPMENT WAS STOLEN AND NOT INVESTIGATED. MR. HORTON SAID MONEY WAS TAKEN FROM THE STUDENTS AND THERE WAS NO INVESTIGATION. MR. HORTON ASKED THE COUNCIL TO HELP STOP THE MISUSE OF FUNDS BY THE JASPER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. **MILTON WOODS**- CONGRATULATED COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE. MR. WOODS SAID THAT TWO WEEKS AGO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST WAS MADE ABOUT THE PROGRESS REPORTS PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR THAT ARE NOT DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING. MR. WOODS SAID HE ALSO REQUESTED CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS AND A COPY OF ALL BONUS CHECKS, AND A DETAILS DESCRIPTION OF ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENSES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD. MR. WOODS SAID IT IS SAD WHEN A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER HAS TO COME BEFORE COUNTY COUNCIL TO GET THE INFORMATION AND IT IS SAD TO SEE HOW RIDICULOUS THINGS ARE AND THE CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS BEING WORKED ON . MR. WOODS SAID HE STUDIED THE BUDGET AND THE COUNTY IS IN A CRITICAL CONDITION AND ALL EXPENSES NEED TO BE LOOKED AT TO CUT THE TAXES. **DENISE DAVIDSON** – PROVIDED A HANDOUT TO THE COUNCIL AND SAID ANSWERS ARE NEEDED, BUT THE ACTUAL BUDGET NUMBERS ARE NOT THROUGH JUNE 30, 2012. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE WAS HAPPY TO SEE THE PEOPLE THAT CAME OUT TO TAKE BACK THE COUNTY AND THE SPENDING. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THAT BEAUFORT COUNTY OPPOSED THE \$35 VEHICLE FEE AND THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO DECIDE WHAT SERVICES NEED TO BE FUNDED. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE SENATE ONLY MANDATED RAISES TO THE TEACHERS, NOT THE ADMINISTRATION. MS. DAVIDSON SAID THE COUNTY MUST WITHHOLD FUNDING TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT UNTIL IT PROVIDES A BALANCED BUDGET. MS. DAVIDSON SAID SHE REQUESTED A COPY OF THE SCHOOLS BUDGET AND SHE WAS TOLD SHE CAN GET A COPY AFTER IT IS PASSED. MS. DAVIDSON THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR HAVING THE WORKSHOPS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. **SHEILA CATO** COMMENTED THAT SHE CAME WITH MR. HAMILTON AND THOUGHT SHE HAD TO SIGN IN FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE IPOD ORDINANCE. MS. CATO SAID THAT HER PROPERTY IS IN POINT SOUTH AND SHE WAS CONCERNED HOW THE IPOD ORDINANCE WOULD AFFECT HER PROPERTY. **RAYMOND HAMILTON** –SAID HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE NOISE FROM TRUCK STOPS AND HE HOPED SOMETHING WOULD BE DONE IN CONSIDERATION TO THE HOME OWNERS. MR. HAMILTON SAID HE DID NOT FEEL THE PEOPLE WERE NOTIFIED EARLY ENOUGH. **BARBARA BARTOLDUS** COMMENTED THAT THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE SCHOOL IS RIDICULOUS AND THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO LOOK AT A PLAN TO KEEP THE CHILDREN OFF THE SCHOOL BUSES. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THE NEW MAP AFFECTED THE ELECTION AND IT NEEDS TO BE STRAIGHTENED OUT. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID SHE HAD NOT HEARD OF OTHER COUNTY'S HAVING THIS PROBLEM AND THE COUNCIL NEEDS TO FIND OUT WHAT WENT WRONG. MS. BARTOLDUS SAID THAT THIS NEEDED DONE TO HELP THE PEOPLE VOTE RIGHT. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS CLOSED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC.

ADJOURN – COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 8:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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CLERK TO COUNCIL

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VICE CHAIRMAN