



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

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**COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JUNE 28, 2012, 3:00 P.M.  
BUDGET WORKSHOP/ SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT THE ELECTRONIC AND PRINT MEDIA WERE NOTIFIED.

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CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP TO ORDER AT 3:05 P.M.

MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. MALPHRUS WAS PREPARED TO GO THROUGH THE BUDGET AND THE SUGGESTED THE CUTS AND THE IMPACT THEY HAD ON THE BUDGET.

MR. MALPHRUS SAID ALL THE APPROVED CHANGES HAVE BEEN MADE EXCEPT FOR ONE SLIGHT DIFFERENCE THE AMOUNT FOR THE RAISES WERE INCREASED TO \$225,000 TO INCLUDE THE INCREASES TO OVERTIME. MR. MALPHRUS SAID ALL THE OTHER CHANGES WERE MADE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE TOTAL IS \$21,828,092 WHICH IS AN INCREASE OF \$340,000 OVER LAST YEARS BUDGET, BUT THERE IS STILL A TWO MILL DECREASE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID PART OF THE INCREASE WAS \$240,000 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT THE SHERIFF IS TO PROVIDE THE INCOME TO COVER IT. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS AT THE SAME AS THIS FISCAL YEAR, BUT THEY ASKED FOR A 6.85% INCREASE WHICH IS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT ALLOWED BY LAW. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE DEBT SERVICE MILLS REMAINED THE SAME. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE COUNCIL TO RECONSIDER TAKING \$500,000 FROM THE EMS BUDGET. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID HE FELT THE DEPARTMENT CAN WORK IT OUT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE INCREASE TO THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET WAS FOR CARS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$240,000 WAS FOR CARS AND THERE IS OFFSETTING REVENUE THE SHERIFF IS TO PROVIDE TO COVER IT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THE \$240,000 FOR CARS FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS NOT TO BE SPENT UNTIL THE SHERIFF PROVIDES THE OFFSETTING REVENUE. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT WAS CORRECT AND THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED WHAT THEY WILL DO IF THEY DON'T HAVE SPARES AND MR. FULGHUM SAID THEY WILL HAVE TO USE WHAT THEY HAVE. MR. FULGHUM RECOMMENDED NOT FINANCING THE CARS, BUT TO PURCHASE THEM AS THE MONEY COMES IN. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON ASKED IF THE SHERIFF SAID HE COULD DO THIS AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THE SHERIFF WAS TO COME AND TALK TO THE COUNCIL. MR. FULGHUM SAID THAT HE CAN DO THAT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THIS WAS THE 3<sup>RD</sup> TIME THAT WAS SAID AND IT IS STILL NOT BEEN DONE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THEY COULD WAIT TO PASS THE BUDGET UNTIL THEY MET WITH THE SHERIFF. MR. FULGHUM SAID THE COUNCIL MET WITH THE SHERIFF ONE TIME AND THE ADMINISTRATION GOT TOGETHER WITH THE SHERIFF AND AGREED HOW THIS CAN BE DONE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID WHEN THE SHERIFF GENERATES THE MONEY, HE CAN BUY THE CARS. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE SHERIFF WAS TO MEET WITH THE COUNCIL. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE

SAID HE WANTED NO TAX INCREASE INCLUDING THE COUNTY AND THE SCHOOLS. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THERE WOULD BE A TWO MILL DECREASE, BUT THE SCHOOL'S SIDE WOULD HAVE AN INCREASE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THE MONEY COMES FROM THE SAME PEOPLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THE COUNCIL WOULD HAVE TO APPROVE IT. CHAIRMAN GREGORY ASKED IF THE INCREASE FOR THE VOTERS REGISTRATION DIRECTOR INCLUDED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID COUNTY COUNCIL MUST APPROVE IT AND THE AMOUNT IS THERE, BUT IT CAN FLUCTUATE BECAUSE OF THE POLL WORKERS SALARIES HAVE TO BE PAID FROM THE SALARY LINE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED HOW MUCH OF AN INCREASE WAS REQUESTED. MR. MALPHRUS SAID \$8,000 FOR THE DIRECTOR. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT IS PRETTY HARD TO DO BASED ON THE PRIMARY BEING SO MESSED UP. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID THE STATE SENT OUT NEW CARD AND VOTERS REGISTRATION HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE HAD 10 FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WERE TOLD TO VOTE AT A NEW PRECINCT AND NONE OF THEM RECEIVED NEW REGISTRATION CARDS. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE LOCAL ELECTION COMMISSION, THE STATE AND THE COUNCIL TOGETHER TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID THEY SAID IT WAS IN THE BUDGET FOR POSSIBLE SALARY INCREASE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THAT THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TRUE SALARY LINE WILL BE DUE TO THE POLL WORKERS HAVING TO BE PAID FROM THE SALARY LINE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE ONLY SALARIES THEY KNOW FOR SURE ARE THE DIRECTOR AND THE CLERK. CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED IF SHE WAS ASKING FOR AN INCREASE FOR HERSELF, BUT NOT FOR HER EMPLOYEE. MR. MALPHRUS SAID SHE MADE THE REQUEST ONLY FOR HERSELF. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS DISCUSSED THE BREAK-IN AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND THE VANDALISM THAT TOOK PLACE. VICE CHAIRMAN SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THEIR APPROPRIATION INCREASED \$7,500. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID AFTER INVESTIGATING THE EXPENSES OF THE LEVY FIRE DEPARTMENT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE AMOUNT REINSTATED TO THE \$230,000. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS ASKED ABOUT THE 2 DETENTION CENTER WORKERS AND MR. MALPHRUS SAID THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE BUDGET. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID MOST COUNTIES HAVE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN AND THEY RAN THEM AWAY. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID CUTTING \$500,000 FROM EMS WILL CAUSE A LOT OF PROBLEMS. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SAID LET THE FIRE CHIEF FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT. COUNCILMAN DRAYTON AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN TO TAKE \$500,000 FROM EMS AND TO LET THE CHIEF DO IT AND IF HE CAN'T DO IT, LET HIM RESIGN AND GET SOMEONE ELSE TO DO IT. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF ANY OTHER EMPLOYEE GOT A \$7,000 RAISE IN THE PAST 6 YEARS AND MR. MALPHRUS RESPONDED NOT THAT HE WAS AWARE OF. MR. MALPHRUS SAID THE DIRECTOR IN OUR COUNTY IS DIFFERENT THAN THE DIRECTOR IN BEAUFORT COUNTY. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SAID BEAUFORT COUNTY MAKES MORE AND THE CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID HE WOULD LIKE EVERYTHING TO STAY LEVEL WITH NO INCREASE. MR. MALPHRUS ASKED ABOUT THE **6.8% INCREASE FOR THE SCHOOLS** – CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTED FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. **LEVY FIRE CONTRACT AT \$195,000** - CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTED FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB AND ADDITIONAL \$7,500** – ALL IN FAVOR. CHAIRMAN GREGORY SUGGESTED A **\$3,000 INCREASE IN SALARY FOR THE DIRECTOR OF VOTERS REGISTRATION** - CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTED FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST. **CUT \$500,000 FROM EMS BUDGET-** CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS, AND COUNCILMEN BLACKSHEAR AND ETHERIDGE AGAINST. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE MOTIONED TO ELIMINATE THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR POSITION. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SAID THAT COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE WAS NOT ON THE PREVAILING SIDE WHEN THIS MOTION WAS PREVIOUSLY MADE SO HE CANNOT BRING IT BACK UP. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS SAID THAT THE COUNCIL IS DISCUSSING CHANGES SO THAT MR. MALPHRUS CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY ADJUSTMENT. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED FOR THE

ELIMINATION OF THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATORS POSITION; CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTED AGAINST.

**15 MINUTE BREAK  
MEETING**

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** ADMINISTRATOR ANDREW FULGHUM, DEP. ADM. GEORGE HOOD, CLERK TO COUNCIL JUDITH FRANK, ATTORNEY MARVIN JONES, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RONNIE MALPHRUS. ACTING PLANNING DIRECTOR LISA LAMB

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**CALL TO ORDER:** CHAIRMAN GREGORY CALLED THE BUDGET WORKSHOP/ MEETING TO ORDER AT 4:05 P.M.

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

**INVOCATION - COUNCILMAN DRAYTON GAVE THE INVOCATION.**

**ORDINANCES**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE 2012-2013 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE-** MR. FULGHUM TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT MR. MALPHRUS WOULD REVIEW THE CHANGES AND THEN THE COUNCIL NEEDED TO MAKE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDMENTS AND HAVE A FINAL READING OF THE ORDINANCE. MR. MALPHRUS EXPLAINED THAT THE TOTAL BUDGET WAS \$37,602,592 AND THAT THERE WAS A TWO MILL DECREASE ON THE COUNTY'S SIDE AND A 6.8 MILL INCREASE ON THE SCHOOL SIDE. COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED BUDGET TO REFLECT THE CHANGES MADE BY COUNCIL. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST.

COUNCILMAN DRAYTON MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN BLACKSHEAR SECONDED THE MOTION THAT THIS BE THE 3<sup>RD</sup> READING OF THE 2012-2013 JASPER COUNTY BUDGET ORDINANCE. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH CHAIRMAN GREGORY AND COUNCILMEN DRAYTON AND BLACKSHEAR VOTING FOR; VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS AND COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE VOTED AGAINST.

**LISA LAMB - PUBLIC HEARING AND 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 –** MISS LAMB EXPLAINED THAT THE ONLY CHANGE WAS THE ATTACHMENT REQUESTED

BY MR. HAMILTON AND HIS FAMILY MEMBERS THAT THEIR PROPERTY BE EXCLUDED FROM THE IPOD ZONING CHANGE. CHAIRMAN GREGORY OPENED THE FLOOR TO THE PUBLIC. REV. HAMILTON SAID THAT HE SENT EMAILS TO THE STAFF TO TAKE THE RESIDENTIAL PART OUT AND HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE GOTTEN THE ENTIRE PACKAGE PRIOR TO APPROVAL. REV. HAMILTON SAID HE FEELS A NEGATIVE REACTION IF RESIDENTS STAY IN THE OVERLAY DISTRICT. BEING NO FURTHER COMMENTS, CHAIRMAN GREGORY CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**ANDREW FULGHUM – DISCUSSION OF FIRE PLAN FUNDING** – CHIEF DALEY SAID THAT HE REACHED OUT FOR HELP WITH THE ISO RATING; HOWEVER, THE \$52,000 BUDGETED FOR THE PLAN WILL GO AWAY IF NOT APPROVED IN THE CURRENT BUDGET YEAR. CHIEF DALEY SAID THEY MAY NEED THE MONEY AND IT CAN BE CARRIED OVER IF PLACED IN THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE ASKED IF THE STATE HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR HELP WITH THE PLAN. MR. FULGHUM SAID FROM THE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FROM THE ISO HE WOULD LIKE TO KEEP THE FUNDS AVAILABLE. COUNCILMAN ETHERIDGE SAID THAT PRIOR TO SPENDING THE MONEY, A RECOMMENDATION WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL. VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO TRANSFER THE \$52,000 TO THE COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND, BUT THE COUNCIL MUST APPROVE HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

**ADJOURN** - VICE CHAIRMAN SAULS MOTIONED AND COUNCILMAN DRAYTON SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT VOTING IN FAVOR.

THE MEETING ENDED AT 4:25 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY:

APPROVED BY:

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JUDITH M. FRANK, ccc  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

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REV. SAMUEL GREGORY  
CHAIRMAN