



**JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL  
J.C. GOVERNMENT BLDG.  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
AUGUST 12, 2014  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES**

**9:30 a.m.**

**OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Chairwoman Barbara Clark, Vice Chairman L. Martin Sauls, IV, Councilman Henry Etheridge, Councilman Theodus Drayton, Councilman D. Thomas Johnson

**STAFF PRESENT:** Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Judith Frank, Director of Administrative Services Ronnie Malphrus, Planning Director LeNolon Edge

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 Budget Workshop/Meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

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

**Invocation:** Vice Chairman Sauls gave the invocation.

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

### **Ordinances**

**Public Hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of the Ordinance calling for a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off premises consumption on Sundays in Jasper County:** Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing. There were no comments. Chairwoman Clark closed the public hearing. Vice Chairman Sauls moved and Councilman Drayton seconded the motion that this be the public hearing and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the ordinance calling for a referendum to determine whether the South Carolina Department of Revenue may issue temporary permits to allow for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises and off premises consumption on Sundays in Jasper County. Vice Chairman Sauls commented that this ordinance would allow restaurants to have alcohol sales on Sunday. Mr. Jones said that they would have to obtain a permit and convenience stores and grocery stores would also be able to sell alcohol on Sunday if they obtain a permit. Mr. Jones said that the ordinances allows the municipalities to pass their

own ordinance. The motion carried with Chairwoman Clark, Vice Chairman Sauls and Councilman Drayton voting for. Councilman Etheridge voted against. Councilman Johnson was not present.

**Discussion of Business Licenses (Fee structure and Collections)-** Mr. Fulghum explained that they have been discussing the business license issue and he felt now was the time to do something. Councilman Johnson arrives at this time. Mr. Fulghum said he would like the chairwoman and one other council member to serve on the committee. Mr. Fulghum said currently the County collects about \$315,000 in business license fees and the total expenditure for that department is about \$65,000 and the balance goes into the general fund. Mr. Fulghum said that Mr. Richardson is pushing the issue to make some changes. Mr. Fulghum said he would like to have the municipalities involved. Mr. Fulghum discussed the concept of the County's Business License Dept. collecting all the fees like the County collects all the taxes. Mr. Fulghum said that Mr. Segal is working on the vendors who use vendors that are not getting a business license. Mr. Fulghum said that Mr. Segal would assist Mr. Kitty in creating a system. Councilman Etheridge commented that at one time, the State discussed doing away with business licenses. Mr. Kitty said the legislature did not pass it. Councilman Johnson commented that this would help the businesses. Chairwoman Clark and Councilman Etheridge will serve on the committee.

**Adjourn:** Vice Chairman Sauls 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 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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Judith M. Frank, ccc  
Clerk to Council

Approved by:

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Barbara B. Clark  
Chairman

