

**HAMPTON COUNTY COUNCIL'S MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY; SEPTEMBER 5, 2006; 6:00 P. M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, B. T. DeLOACH BUILDING
201 JACKSON AVENUE, WEST, HAMPTON, SC**

Hampton County Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, 6:00 p. m., Council Chambers, B. T. DeLoach Building, Hampton, South Carolina. Council Member(s) present: Lee S. Bowers; Virgin Johnson, Sr.; Margaret S. Parker, Chairman and Willard E. Wilson, Vice Chairman. Council Member(s) absent: Lisa Ball. Staff present: Sabrena Posey Graham, Administrator; Aline Newton, Clerk to Council and A. G. Solomons, Jr., County Attorney. Media present: Mr. Wayne Knuckles, The Hampton County Guardian. The meeting was advertised as prescribed by law.

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Parker called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION:

Pastor Byrd, County Chaplain, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Parker.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

ORDINANCE #2006-011, FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2006-011, the False Fire Alarm Ordinance. Council Member Johnson asked about people being charged. It was explained that there was no charge for the first and second calls but if there were a third and the person could prove that they had tried to correct a faulty alarm; there would be no charge, but if there was nothing done to correct a problem with an alarm, and there was a third call, then they would be charged. Council Member Bowers stated that he could not see who would be opposed to this ordinance. Administrator Graham stated that the ordinance was not intended to collect money. She stated that it was there to stop the false fire alarm calls. There were no public comments. Chairman Parker closed the hearing.

ORDINANCE #2006-014, ORDINANCE TO GRANT OAKWOOD PRODUCTS, INC. AN EASEMENT:

Chairman Parker opened the public hearing to receive public comments on Ordinance #2006-014, Ordinance to grant Oakwood Products, Inc. an easement. Council Member Johnson wanted to know if they were going to close the road that is there now. Administrator Graham stated that Oakwood was not, they just needed access between the two properties. There were no public

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comments. Chairman Parker closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT(S)

Charles Laffitte – Water Capacity Use Program
Gary Youmans – Business License Ordinance
Marion Smith – Water Capacity Use Program

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

ADOPTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006 COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the agenda. The following revisions were requested: (1) Deferral of Item #13.1.1, Annual Fire Report. Administrator Graham stated that Mr. Rushing, Fire Chief, was on a call earlier and was taken to the emergency room for exhaustion. She stated that he was okay, but the doctor recommended that he go home and rest. She stated that he was scheduled to present the annual fire report listed. Due to his unavailability, she asked that it be deferred. and (2) Addition of Item #13.1.5, Information from the Library Regarding Cost to Increase Hours at the Estill Library. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the agenda with the requested revisions. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMY DIVISION - BASIC JAIL TRAINING: DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE, MS. CRYSTAL JONES:

Mr. Charlie Grant, Jail Administrator, came before council and explained the honor of being a Distinguished Graduate of Basic Jail Training from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety Criminal Justice Academy Division. Chairman Parker made the presentation to Ms. Crystal Jones, Hampton County Jailer who graduated as a Distinguished Graduate in Basic Jail Training from the South Carolina Department of Public Safety's Criminal Justice Academy Division.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

AUGUST 21, 2006 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

AUGUST 31, 2006 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES:

Chairman Parker asked if there were any changes to the minutes. **Moved** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson to approve the minutes as received. Motion carried.

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APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

There were no appointment(s).

RESOLUTION(S)

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING A 100 YEAR OLD CITIZEN, MRS. EDITH MAE MOORE:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution recognizing Mrs. Edith Mae Moore, 100 Year Old Hampton Countian. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 18-21, 2006 AS INDUSTRY APPRECIATION WEEK:

Moved by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to adopt the resolution proclaiming September 18-21, 2006 as Industry Appreciation Week.

ORDINANCES

THIRD (3rd) AND FINAL READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-011, FALSE FIRE ALARM ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third (3rd) reading to Ordinance #2006-011, False Fire Alarm Ordinance. Motion carried unanimously.

THIRD (3rd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-012, ORDINANCE TO GRANT OAKWOOD PRODUCTS, INC. AN EASEMENT:

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to give third (3rd) reading to Ordinance #012, Ordinance to grant Oakwood Products, Inc. with a non-exclusive easement and that it reverts back to the county if no longer needed. Motion carried unanimously.

SECOND (2nd) READING TO ORDINANCE #2006-013, BUSINESS LICENSE ORDINANCE:

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, that Ordinance #2006-013, Business License Ordinance, be deferred until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

BIDS

LANDFILL GRINDING:

Administrator Graham presented the bids (See attachment #1). **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to award the bid to the lowest bidder, LCR

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Construction for \$22,345. Motion carried with Council Member Johnson opposing.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT LEASE FOR PUBLIC WORKS:

Administrator Graham presented the bids for the heavy equipment lease. (See attachment #2). **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to award the bid for the heavy equipment lease to the lowest bidder, Industrial Tractor, for \$119,924. Council Member Johnson inquired about the disposal of the old equipment. He stated that they needed to make sure that the county don't need to accept bids at auction for equipment for less than its worth. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL'S BRIEFING

SCHEDULING OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES WORKSHOP:

Chairman Parker stated that she would like County Attorney Solomons present at the workshop. Council asked that the county attorney provide dates that he will be available when he returns from vacation next week. Council will schedule the workshop at their next meeting after receiving the dates from the county attorney.

REPORTS TO COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Hampton County Fire/Rescue 2005 Annual Report

Council deferred the matter.

Water Capacity Use Program

Council deferred the matter until the next meeting.

Request from Varnville Elementary School

Moved by Council Member Wilson, seconded by Council Member Bowers, to approve the use of the Recreation Department's Gym by Varnville Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously.

Report from the Library Regarding Cost to Increase Hours at the Estill Library

Administrator Graham presented the report from the library as information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Parker stated that there was a need for an executive session to discuss an economic development contractual matter and a contractual matter. **Moved** by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Wilson, to go into executive session. Motion carried unanimously. Session began 7:10 p. m. and ended 7:25 p. m. **After coming out of executive session**, Chairman Parker stated that council was updated on an economic development contractual matter and council gave the Administrator directives on a contractual matter.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Council Member Bowers, seconded by Council Member Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Chairman Parker adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p. m.