



# JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL COUNCIL MEETING

Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg.  
358 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Ridgeland, SC 29936  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025  
MINUTES

**Officials Present:** Chairman John Kemp, Vice Chairman Joey Rowell, Councilman Marty Sauls, Councilman Chris VanGeison and Councilman Joe Arzillo

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda Giles, County Attorney David Tedder, Kimberly Burgess, Lisa Wagner, Danny Lucas, Chief Russell Wells, and Videographer Jonathan Dunham.

## 1. Call to Order of the Jasper County Council Meeting by Chairman Kemp

Chairman Kemp called the meeting to order. The Report of Compliance with the Freedom of Information Act was read for the records as follows: *In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, notification of the meeting and the meeting agenda were posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting on the County Council Building at a publicly accessible place, on the county website, and a copy of the agenda was provided to the local news media and all person's or organizations requesting notification.*

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation:

The Pledge to the Flag was given and the Invocation was given by Councilman Rowell.

## 3. Approval of the Consent Agenda Items:

Approval of Consent Agenda passes all Consent Agenda Items. Consent Agenda Items are not considered separately unless any Councilmember so requests. In the event of such a request the item is placed at the end of the Public Hearings, Ordinances and Action Items.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

## 4. Approval of the Regular Agenda:

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## PROCLAMATION

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**5. Councilman Marty Sauls:** Proclamation presented to Barbara B. Clark for 24 years of Jasper County Council Service.

Councilman Sauls read and presented this Proclamation to Barbara B. Clark for 24 years of Jasper County Council Service and she was thanked for her many years of service to the County.

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## PRESENTATIONS

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**6. Chairman Kemp:** Introduction of Noah Alexander of the New Business Consultant for the SC Department of Employment and Workforce.

Chairman Kemp introduced Noah Alexander of the New Business Consultant for the SC Department of Employment and Workforce. Mr. Alexander noted that he lived in the Hampton area and that he was present to offer services to Jasper County. He discussed that he was a new Business Consultant for the SC Department of Employment and Workforce and wanted to be of assistance to Jasper County.

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### 7. CHAIRMAN KEMP'S COMMENTS:

Chairman Kemp noted that Citizen Comments had been moved down below Presentations on the agenda. He thanked former Chairman Sauls for his support and thanked his wife for sharing him with his seat on Council. He noted that so far there had been six meetings this month and thanked all the staff and Council for their hard work.

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### 8. CITIZEN COMMENTS:

**Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance Number #08-17** Any citizen of the County may sign to speak in person at the Council Meeting (before the Council Meeting's 6:00PM start time on the Sign-In Sheet on the Podium), to address Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

There were no Citizen Comments.

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## RESOLUTIONS

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**9. Councilman VanGeison** – Consideration of Resolution **#R-2025-04**, a resolution of the Jasper Council authorizing the Jasper County Administrator to Grant Access to the Jasper County Treasurer to All Bank Accounts under the Control of the Administration and County Council per Ord. No. 08-17, § 8, 6-2-08 Sec.

**2-66 (supplementing and amending Resolution #R-2024-06 – County Bank Accounts).**

Councilman VanGeison reviewed and addressed the request for the consideration of the resolution of the Jasper Council authorizing the Jasper County Administrator to Grant Access to the Jasper County Treasurer to All Bank Accounts under the Control of the Administration and County Council per Ord. No. 08-17, § 8, 6-2-08 Sec. 2-66 (supplementing and amending Resolution #R-2024-06 – County Bank Accounts). He noted that this was put together to clarify the original resolution. He noted that now there was a good understanding between Administration and the Treasurer

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Arzillo

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**10. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-05 a Resolution of Jasper County Council Authorizing and Directing the County Administrator to Accept the Transfer of Pintail Creek Drive (S-416) from the South Carolina State Highway System to Jasper County and Add the Transferred Road to the County Maintained Road Inventory and System. (Exit 3 Project)**

Mr. Fulghum reviewed and addressed the request for the consideration of a Resolution of Jasper County Council Authorizing and Directing the County Administrator to Accept the Transfer of Pintail Creek Drive (S-416) from the South Carolina State Highway System to Jasper County and Add the Transferred Road to the County Maintained Road Inventory and System. He noted that this was required as part of the Exit 3 project.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Arzillo

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**11. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-06 of Jasper County Council appointing a Jasper County Council Member to serve on the Cypress Ridge Business/Industrial Park Design Review Committee.**

Chairman Kemp reviewed and addressed the request for the consideration of a Resolution of Jasper County Council appointing a Jasper County Council Member to serve on the Cypress Ridge Business/Industrial Park Design Review Committee. The request was to appoint Councilman VanGeison to serve on the Cypress Ridge Business/Industrial Park Design Review Committee.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**12. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-07 of Jasper County Council Appointing a Jasper County Council Member and a Minority Group Member to serve on the Lowcountry Council of Governments.**

Chairman Kemp reviewed and addressed the request for the consideration of a Resolution of Jasper County Council Appointing a Jasper County Council Member and a Minority Group Member to serve on the Lowcountry Council of Governments. Chairman Kemp noted that there were two applicants for the Minority Group Member to the Lowcountry Council of Governments that wished to be considered, Mr. Misael Garzon and Ms. Barbara Clark. Chairman Kemp noted that Mr. Garzon had reached out to him for this position and requested his support. Chairman Kemp mentioned that Mr. Garzon (in his quest this position), wanted to be able to help with the State and Federal Governments.

**Motion to approve the appointment of Misael Garzon as the Minority Group Leader on the Lowcountry Council of Governments:** Councilman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

Councilman Sauls nominated Chairman/Councilman John Kemp to serve as the appointed Jasper County Councilmember to the Lowcountry Council of Governments

**Motion to approve the appointment of Chairman/Councilman John Kemp for the elected official position from Jasper County:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**13. Chairman Kemp – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-08 of Jasper County Council appointing a representative to serve on the Beaufort-Jasper Housing Trust, Inc. Oversight Board**

Chairman Kemp reviewed and addressed the request for the consideration of a Resolution of Jasper County Council appointing a representative to serve on the Beaufort-Jasper Housing Trust, Inc. Oversight Board. He noted that Camika Beaton had submitted a request and was recommended by him to serve on this board.

**Motion to approve Camika Beaton:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**14. Kimberly Burgess – Consideration of Resolution #R-2025-09 authorizing the defeasance of the remaining outstanding Jasper County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; the execution and delivery of a Defeasance Escrow Agreement and certain other instruments by Jasper County; and other matters relating thereto.**

Ms. Burgess was present to review and address the request for the consideration of Resolution authorizing the defeasance of the remaining outstanding Jasper County, South Carolina General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2021; the execution and delivery of a Defeasance Escrow Agreement and certain other instruments by Jasper County.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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## PUBLIC HEARINGS, ORDINANCES AND ACTION ITEMS

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**15. Lisa Wagner** – Consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-01** to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer a property located along Floyd Road, bearing Jasper County Tax Map Number 045-00-01-049, consisting of 3 acres from the Rural Preservation Zone to the Residential Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 12.02.2024; Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 01.06.2025*)

Ms. Wagoner was present to review and address this item on the agenda. She noted that this request is for a Zoning Map Amendment to have a property designated as Residential. The subject property consists of three (3) acres and is identified by TMS #045-00-01-049, located along Floyd Road near the Tillman area. The property is currently zoned Rural Preservation. The purpose for the re-zoning is to have the subject property zoned the same as the adjacent property in order to combine the properties without creating a parcel of land that would be split zoned. The adjacent property is zoned Residential. According to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as "Rural Conservation". The Rural Conservation areas seek to protect and promote the character of Jasper County that largely exists today outside of the municipalities. She mentioned that the adjacent parcels are zoned Rural Preservation and Residential. The adjacent land uses are residential and vacant property. The subject property is accessed by Floyd Road, which is a two-lane state-maintained highway classified as a local road.

Ms. Wagner noted that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the request to have the property designated as Residential on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map. She noted that this was for family use and that they wanted to combine the 3 acres with the 2 acres. She also mentioned that nothing had changed since the last two meetings.

**Motion to approve:** Councilman Arzillo

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**16. Lisa Wagner** – Consideration of the **3<sup>rd</sup> reading** of Ordinance **#O-2025-04** to Amend Article 2.1.1 of the Jasper County Land Development Regulations, *Exempt Subdivision*, limiting the number of parcels that can be subdivided from a single parcel of land when using the State's exemption, to 4 individual parcels; to define an existing street and existing easement; Invoking application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine; and other matters related thereto. (*1<sup>st</sup> reading 12.02.2024; Public Hearing and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading 01.06.2025*)

Ms. Wagoner was present to review and address this item on the agenda. After her review Councilman VanGeison noted that he wanted to table this for around 30 days so he could really look at this. He noted that he

wanted some time to be able to review and understand this request better. Ms. Wagoner noted that she would provide them with more background information.

**Motion to table until the first scheduled Council Meeting in March:** Councilman VanGeison

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**17. Wanda Giles – Consideration of approval of Ms. Jasmine Horry to be appointed by the Jasper County Council to the New Life Center Board.**

Ms. Giles was present to review and address this item on the agenda for the approval of the consideration by Council for Ms. Jasmine Horry to be appointed by the Jasper County Council as a representative for the County to the New Life Center Board.

**Motion to approve Ms. Jasmine Horry's appointment to the New Life Center Board:** Councilman Rowell

**Second:** Councilman Sauls

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

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**18. Administrator's Report:** Mr. Fulghum reviewed the information from his report. There were no Action Items requiring a vote from the Council in the Administrator's Report

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**CONSENT AGENDA**

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**19. Approval of the Minutes of 12.02.2024**

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**20. Councilmember Comments and Discussion:** Councilmember Comments were given but there were no comments that required action.

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**21. Executive Session SECTION 30-4-70.**

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

(2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – [Exit 3; Heddings vs Jasper County; Airport Leases; Tax Map # 089-00-03-005](#)

(5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision

of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body – [Waste Management of Georgia Inc.; Prospect Update](#)

**Motion to go into Executive Session:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman VanGeison

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

**Return to Open Session:**

**Motion to return to regular session:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

The motion passed.

○ **21.1 Action coming out of Executive Session:**

There was no action coming out of this executive session.

**22. Adjournment:**

**Motion to adjourn:** Councilman Sauls

**Second:** Councilman Rowell

**Vote:** Unanimous

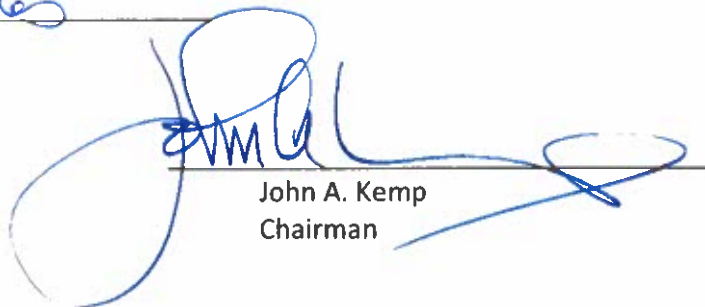
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The motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

**Respectfully submitted:**



Wanda H. Giles  
Clerk to Council



John A. Kemp  
Chairman