



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 5, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 5, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:** Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman  
Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman  
John E. Caldwell, Councilman  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Steven C. Stockman, Councilman  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman  
Scott Cain, Councilman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator

**PRESS:** Kevin Boozer, Newberry Observer  
Tammy Kitchen, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order and determined a quorum present.

Vice-Chairman Koon led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Livingston noted that Mr. Adams and Mr. Hipp were out sick and Mr. Cain has been detained and may arrive late if able to attend at all.

## **1. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Koon motioned to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous among those present; Mr. Hipp and Mr. Cain were absent.

## **2. Personal Appearances**

- a. Cindy Schumpert, KNCB Board Chair and Annette Davis, KNCB Executive Director – Keep Newberry County Beautiful Program Update

Mrs. Schumpert said the KNCB (Keep) Program in Newberry is in its second year and they are rolling up their sleeves and getting the hard work done. It took them a year to get certification, go to training classes and spend time with officials in Columbia to make sure they had everything situated before they hit the ground running. She said they have been focusing on the anti-litter and recycling aspect of the program and have enlisted the help of our schools with recycling efforts. She said there are 660,000 tons of phone books going into the landfill each year and they have sponsored with Sonic on this endeavor; a coupon redeemable for a slushy will be given to each student who brings in a phone book. This program will run through the month of February. Mrs. Schumpert said they contacted Sterlite in Clinton, S.C. and they donated 24 sturdy boxes to place in each school for the phone books. There is a box placed in each school to collect markers for the Crayola Recycle Program for all discarded color markers. They are also collecting ink pens and ink cartridges for printers; anything along the ink line. Crayola is able to take these color markers and convert them into a clean burning fuel. She said in March, they are going to recycle shoes; 600 million pairs go into the landfill every year. Their goal is to acquire 7,500 pairs of used shoes, have them refurbished, and send them to third world countries where they are needed. The ones that cannot be refurbished will be recycled completely down to the bare sole. She said they will have several radio advertisements coming up over the next few weeks to kick start these events. Our largest event is the Great American Cleanup that goes from March 1 to May 31. They will work closely with each community in Newberry County and are in need of teams/groups for the cleanups; team captains will meet on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Schumpert touched on a grant they received and purchased 24 cigarette butt urns for the Anti-Cigarette Litter Campaign. She said Mayor Jayroe, Mayor Hollingsworth, and Mayor Underwood put in a request for some of the urns and they have a few remaining if anyone has a need for one. She said they attended The Palmetto Pride Luncheon where \$450,421.00 in grant money was awarded; they were the recipients of an \$8,000.00 grant to purchase a trailer that carries supplies and she mentioned the need for some drivers and volunteers. The Town of Little Mountain put in for a grant and received \$4,519 for trash (litter) receptacles to be placed in parks and along Main Street and the Town of Whitmire received a \$714.00 law enforcement grant to install litter surveillance cameras at several locations.

Mrs. Schumpert stated that they have a plan and are moving forward. Beautification is the next area they would like to address and there are plenty of dollars to be had. She said they are eating this elephant one bite at a time.

Mrs. Schumpert presented grant awards to Mayor Jayroe, Town of Little Mountain and Mayor Hollingsworth, Town of Whitmire.

Mrs. Davis thanked Council for their support of the Keep Program. She said they have applied for grants and will continue to do so to help support this effort because it is never ending. She said some people have asked her why the city is not recycling and she has responded by saying that it will cost ¼ million dollars just for the containers. She said they toured the SONOCO Facility in Columbia and fell in love with a MERT (Mobile Event Recycling Trailer) that holds recyclable items but cost \$24,000.00. They decided they could do better and drew up some plans and built their own trailer and it is parked outside. The MERT can be placed at major events (football games, Oktoberfest, etc.) and they would like to have one in each end of the county. We also have other counties interested in our trailer and we can use this prototype to purchase additional trailers to sell. Palmetto Pride and KSCB have already funded our second trailer and awarded us a grant in the amount of \$4,200.00 to support these trailers.

Mrs. Davis thanked Ben Setzler, Cyndi Schumpert, Doug Heydt, Morgan Trainor, Stacy Guy, Dr. Cynthia Gardner, Jana Jayroe and Maria McMurtrie. She also thanked Mike and Joe Everson with Back Woods Cachers for their litter pick-up efforts. She said they are working with this group and are proud of what they are accomplishing. She said Mayor Senn had also asked about a citywide clean-up and they are moving forward with that project.

Chairman Livingston thanked the group for their hard work and for obtaining grant money to help with things that would otherwise not be funded.

b. Anne Peters – Comprehensive Plan Annual Review

Chairman Livingston commented that Mrs. Peters was also out sick and this item will be delayed for another time.

**3. Ordinance #12-25-13: An Ordinance to abolish the Recreation Commission as established by Ordinance No. 10-34-02 and to reinstate said commission with a change in the membership of the commission.**

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-25-13; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**4. Ordinance #12-26-13: An Ordinance repealing portions of Ordinance No. 122 and No. 06-11-01, relating to the creation of the Community Hall Commission and Fairgrounds Commission.**

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-26-13; seconded by Mr. Koon.

Mr. Koon mentioned that Mr. Harold Ruff asked him to consider postponing this reading. Mr. Koon explained to Mr. Ruff the circumstances leading up to this and informed him that if anyone

would like to come before Council and speak on the matter they were welcome to come. He asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak on this matter.

Having no one speak on behalf of the Fairgrounds Commission, the vote was unanimous to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-26-13.

5. **Ordinance #12-27-13: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 12-24-01, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone thirteen and twenty-eight hundredths (13.28) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 225-3 from Rural (R2) to Light Industrial (LI).**

Mr. Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-27-13; seconded by Mr. Stockman.

Chairman Livingston asked Mrs. Lyles to the podium to speak on this matter.

Mrs. Lyles introduced herself and stated that she lives at 334 Jalapa Road in Newberry. She wanted to follow up from the last Council meeting she attended. She said she obtained the information on light industrial and spoke with the owner of Metal Masters and he told her that nothing would be erected directly in front of her home; the new building will be on the Hwy. 76 side of the property. She said she is satisfied with this rezoning request and does not see it affecting the area in a negative way.

Chairman Livingston thanked Mrs. Lyles for coming and for the positive comments.

Having received no further discussion, the vote was unanimous to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-27-13

6. **Ordinance #12-28-13: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000) General Obligation Bonds of Newberry County, South Carolina, for the issuance of notes in anticipation of such bonds, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of such obligations shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, and other matters relating thereto.**

Mr. Caldwell motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-18-14; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous

7. **Ordinance #12-29-13: An Ordinance to declare surplus and approve the sale and transfer of a portion of certain real estate property owned by Newberry County.**

Mr. Koon motioned to approve Ordinance #12-29-13; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

8. **Ordinance #01-01-04: An Ordinance to amend the Master Agreement governing the Greenwood-Newberry Industrial Park between Newberry County and Greenwood County so as to enlarge the park.**

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #01-01-14; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

9. **Ordinance #01-02-14: An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreement and an Infrastructure Finance Agreement by and between Newberry County, South Carolina and West Fraser, Inc. With respect to certain economic development property in the county, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in lieu of taxes, and West Fraser, Inc. will receive certain infrastructure credits in respect of investment in related infrastructure; and other matters related thereto.**

Mr. Koon motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #01-02-14; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

10. **Ordinance #01-03-14: An Ordinance to amend the budget ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014, Ordinance Number 04-07-13, to provide for revised revenue and expenditure appropriations related to the operations of Newberry County.**

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #01-02-014; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

11. **Consideration to Purchase 911 consoles for Emergency Operations Center – Ben Chapman, Sheriff’s Office**

Mr. Chapman reported that this request is for new 911 dispatch consoles. The current furniture is over 5 years old, a cubicle style, and was not made to be used in such setting. The new furniture is solid state built for dispatch centers, is prewired and powered for computers, and will make a better work place for the employees. He said they received two bids; Evans for \$90,776.00 plus tax and the other was a no bid from Russ Basset who could not meet the move in date. All of the funds used will be from the 911 budget and after the state reimbursement of 70% should only cost the county \$28,777.46, with no extra tax dollars needed to make this purchase.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve the purchase of 911 consoles; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

12. **Appointments**

Mr. Koon nominated Mr. Burt Lucas for reappointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the reappointment of Mr. Lucas to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**13. Committee Reports**

- a. "Special Called" Finance Committee Meeting –  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

Mrs. Cromer reported that the committee met at the Sheriff's building and began the meeting with a tour of the new facility. After the tour, the committee reviewed the budget amendment that was brought before Council tonight.

Chairman Livingston stated that he is very proud of the new Sheriff's Office. It has turned out very nice and he thanked Mr. Chapman and all Sheriff's Office employees for being tolerant of the trailer park.

**14. Public Comments**

No comments

**15. Executive Session**

No Executive Session

**16. Comments from County Administrator**

No comments

**17. Comments/Request from Council Members**

No comments.

**18. Future Meetings**

- a. Economic Development Committee 2/10/14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 2/19/14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 2/24/14 @ 6:00 –p.m.

**19. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**