



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 6, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 6, 2016, 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  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Scott Cain, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council

**ABSENT:** Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer  
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

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

***1. Election of Chairman for 2016***

Mr. Tothacer opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of Newberry County Council.

Mr. Cain nominated Buddy Livingston for Chairman.

Having received no other nominations, all were in favor of Buddy Livingston as Chairman of Newberry County Council for 2016.

**2. *Election of Vice Chairman for 20016***

Mr. Tothacer opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman of Newberry County Council.

Mr. Koon thanked members of Council for their support in his role as Vice Chairman for the past six years. He noted that Mr. Cain has a desire to serve in this capacity and he nominated Mr. Scott Cain for Vice Chairman.

Having received no other nominations, all were in favor of Scott Cain as Vice Chairman of County Council for 2016.

Chairman Livingston thanked members of Council for continuing to support him as Chairman. He shared that this Council is one of the best in South Carolina to work with.

Chairman Livingston informed Council that Mr. Hipp was having some back problems and would not be in attendance tonight.

**3. *Adoption of Consent Agenda***

Mr. Waldrop motioned to adopt the consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

**4. *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda***

Mr. Cain motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

- 5. *Ordinance #12-26-15:*** 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 a twenty eight and thirteen hundredths (28.13) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 284-1-19; a one (1.0) acre real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 284-1-4; and a lot containing seven tenths (0.7) acre real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 284-1-16, all from Rural (R2) to Basic Industrial (BI).

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

Having received no comments from the public, Chairman Livingston declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-16-15; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**6. *Consideration of 2016 Committee Meeting Schedule***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve the 2016 Committee Meeting Schedule; seconded by Mr. Koon.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Waldrop recommended that some of the committee meetings could be moved up to 5:00 p.m. and felt it should be left to the discretion of the committee chairman. He continued by offering an amendment to let each committee chairman decide the time of the meetings; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve the 2016 Committee Meeting Schedule as amended; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**7. *Appointments***

No appointments.

**8. *Public Comments (by those who signed up at meeting)***

No public comments.

**9. *Executive Session (if needed)***

Mr. Adams reported that staff would like to recommend an Executive Session under §30-4-70(a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws: Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a 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.

Mr. Cain motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Koon excused himself from the Executive Session due to the nature of the discussion.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION [ 7:12 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.]***

Mr. Cain motioned to return to Open Session; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston reported that Council went into Executive Session for legal counsel to receive information only and no votes were taken.

***10. Comments/Request from County Administrator***

No comments.

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

Mr. Reeder invited everyone to the Martin Luther King program on January 18<sup>th</sup>. He said the speaker will be Ms. Pam Scott, originally from Newberry, who is currently Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Morgan State University.

Mr. Cain stated that the county had a banner year growth wise in economic development and he was looking forward to good things to come in 2016.

Chairman Livingston recognized Mrs. Michelle Long who was recently selected as the new executive director of the Chambers of Commerce.

***12. Future Meetings***

- a. Public Safety and Courts Committee 1/11/16 @ 5:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 1/20/16 @ 7:00 p.m.

***13. Adjournment***

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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

