



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 7, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 7, 2015, 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  
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Scott Cain, Councilman

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

***OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY***

**WELCOME:** Mr. Adams welcomed all in attendance and turned the meeting over to the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith for the Oath of Office Ceremony.

**OATH OF OFFICE:** The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith asked Buddy Livingston (District 3); Bill Waldrop (District 6); and Travis Reeder (District 7) to stand, raise their right hand, and repeat after him.

“I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified according to the  
Constitution of this State to exercise the duties of the office of which I

have been elected and that I will to the best of my abilities discharge the duties thereof and preserve and protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States, so help me God.”

Judge Griffith declared each Councilman duly sworn.

### ***COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING***

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Mr. Waldrop led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Livingston shared that Scott Cain would not be here tonight because his mother passed away recently. He asked that Mr. Cain and family be kept in thought and prayers.

#### ***1. Election of Chairman for 2015***

Mr. Tothacer opened the floor for nominations for office of Chairman.

Mr. Hipp nominated Mr. Buddy Livingston as Chairman; seconded by Mr. Waldrop.

Mr. Tothacer asked is there were any other nominations.

Having received none, Mr. Tothacer closed the floor for nominations and Mr. Livingston was unanimously approved by acclamation as Chairman for 2015.

#### ***2. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2015***

Mr. Tothacer opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Kirksey Koon as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Tothacer asked is there were any other nominations.

Having received none, Mr. Tothacer closed the floor for nominations and Mr. Koon was unanimously approved by acclamation as Chairman for 2015.

The meeting was turned over to the Chairman Livingston.

Chairman Livingston thanked Council for their continued vote of confidence. He said he appreciated all they do as members and stated that they are a body of one.

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

This item was inadvertently skipped over.

**4. Consideration of 2015 Committee Meeting Schedule**

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve the 2015 Committee Meeting Schedule; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Consideration of bids for Old Landfill Gas Extraction System**

Mr. Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that staff received three (3) bids for the Landfill Gas Extraction at the Old Landfill; Dot Energy Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$321,118.00, Moran Environmental Recovery, LLC in the amount of \$373,002.84, and Southeast Environmental Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$461,300.00. All three bidders met the requirements and were reviewed by SCS Engineers which resulted in a recommendation that the contract be awarded to Dot Energy Solutions, Inc.

Mr. Steve Lamb, Vice-President of SCS Engineers, asked Council if there were any questions regarding the bid or the landfill in general.

Mr. Reeder asked once this process is completed will it make it safer for the people that live in that area.

Mr. Lamb said once this is installed and operated it will help remediate the impact to the ground water. The state is requiring that the county make this remediation.

Mr. Adams reported that this pertains to the Old Landfill on Cockrell Road. Back in the early 1990's, the county closed its non-subtitle D landfill. A non-subtitle D landfill is one that does not have a lining under the contents of the landfill. Upon its closing, DHEC required that the county initiate a passive monitoring system.

Mr. Lamb stated that the county installed ground water wells and methane probes; a compliance detection network. Over the years, there were some impacts to the ground water and DHEC and SCS came up with an active collection system. There will be 27 wells installed around three (3) sides of the landfill with each well being between 20-40 feet deep. A vacuum will be applied that will suck the soil gas out from below the ground.

Mr. Adams noted that DHEC has reviewed the plan that is embodied in the specification of this bid and confirmed that it is an appropriate remedy.

Mr. Lamb stated that DHEC required that Newberry County submit a corrective measure study on the landfill and we looked at various options that would get the job done. Our recommendation was the Soil Vapor Extraction System and DHEC approved that.

Mr. Waldrop asked how long this will have to be done.

Mr. Lamb responded that his best educated assumption is at least five (5) years with operation more intermittently as time goes by instead of 24/7.

Mr. Hipp clarified that this is a pro-active approach the county is taking. We are not in the process of correcting a situation that has gone outside the bounds of our landfill property. We are putting a barrier system in around the perimeter of the landfill property to prevent leakage into the land. This effort is to protect property owners.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve bid from Dot Energy Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$321,118.00; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

**6. *Appointments***

No appointments

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

No comments.

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

No Executive Session.

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

No comments.

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

Mr. Reeder commented that he appreciated his family and friends for attending and that he will do his best for this county and District 7.

All Council Members welcomed Mr. Reeder on board.

Chairman Livingston reported that he will try to have all committee appointments by the next meeting but until then we will operate with the same members; with Mr. Reeder filing in where Mr. Caldwell served. He further

stated that if there is a desire for any member to switch committees, please let him know.

**11. Future Meetings**

- a. Public Safety and Courts Committee Meeting - 1/12/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. Special Called Finance Committee Meeting (Audit) - 1/15/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council - 1/21/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

**12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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