



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 2, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 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
 Steve Stockman, Councilman
 Scott Cain, Councilman
 Travis Reeder, Councilman
 Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman
 Wayne Adams, County Administrator
 A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
 Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
 Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

ABSENT: **Bill Waldrop, Councilman**

MEDIA: **Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer**
 Jimmie Coggins, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

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

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

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

3. *Personal Appearances*

McKeva Kinard-Shelton, representative of Women on a Mission, read Resolution #04-18 into the record and presented a framed copy to Sheriff Lee Foster.

“WHEREAS, South Carolina’s office of Sheriff, is an elected county government official and a sworn law enforcement officer and public servant, responsible for serving and protecting the lives of the people, and the enforcement of laws within a designated jurisdiction in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the duly-elected Sheriff of the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, James Lee Foster, is currently one of the longest serving sheriffs in the state (1989 – Present, 29 years); performs a variety of challenging and important tasks, including but not limited to, preserving the public safety and welfare of our citizens, caring for crime victims and the disadvantaged, counseling people in need, administering justice, and protecting citizen’s rights; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated servant and leader has performed and continues to perform his duties with compassion, professionalism, and a commitment to those he serves and additionally ensures that those who work for, and with him, do the same; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated servant and leader who has served the public in a law enforcement capacity for more than 44 years, continues to keep himself and his agency on the cutting edge in education, training, and technology, and while working with the public and other law enforcement officers and agencies, he forges and fosters relationships that promote a partnership of excellence in performance with a commitment to community, state, and country; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Lee Foster Appreciation Day, calls attention to his contributions to our continued well-being and quality of life and provides a special time to express appreciation and gratitude for all he has done, and continues to do.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY DESIGNATES MAY 2, 2018 AS SHERIFF LEE FOSTER APPRECIATION DAY.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy provided to Sheriff Lee Foster.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 2nd day of May 2018”.

Bishop Samuel Green, Sr. with the Seventh District African Methodist Episcopal Church also presented Sheriff Foster with a Lifetime Achievement Award. In addition, Sheriff Foster’s wife, Carol, was recognized for her many years of sacrifices in support of her husband.

4. *Ordinance #04-04-18: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone a thirteen and seventeen hundredths (13.17) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling sixteen and thirty-three hundredths (16.33) acres designated as TMS Parcel No.577-16 from Industrial (IND) to General Commercial (GC).*

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

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

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #04-04-18; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #04-05-18: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone one real estate parcel totaling three and fifty-one hundredths (3.51) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 342-36 from General Commercial (GC) to Rural (R2).***

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

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

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #04-05-18; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous.

6. ***Ordinance #04-06-18: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of Newberry County, South Carolina not exceeding \$800,000 in aggregate principal amount, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of said bonds shall be expended, to provide for the payment of said bonds, and other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #04-06-18; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Ordinance #04-02-18: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, for the Newberry County budget for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax and receive revenues; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real property in Newberry County for all county purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Newberry County payable during said fiscal year; to provide for matters relating to Newberry County; and to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year, and to provide for borrowing in anticipation of tax collections by the issuance of one or more tax anticipation notes, if necessary.***

Mr. Adams reported that the FY18-19 budget for general operating purposes is balanced at \$24,930,250.00. He said the next budget work session to discuss the details of the ordinance is scheduled for May 14, 2018.

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #04-02-18; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Ordinance #04-03-18: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019, for Newberry County Library, Piedmont Technical College and the Newberry Agency for Disabilities and Special Needs; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Newberry County for said purposes; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year for said purposes.***

Mr. Adams reported that the FY18-19 budget for the community services levy is balanced at \$917,224.00 and the next budget work session is scheduled for May 14, 2018.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #04-03-18; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

9. ***Consideration of Annual Indexing of Elected Officials' Salaries***

Mr. Cain motioned to postpone consideration of this item until after the budget work session on May 14, 2018; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

10. ***Committee Meetings***

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that the Public Works and Planning Committee met on April 23, 2018, and three items were up for discussion: A citizen's concern over access to St. Johns Cemetery; repairs to Felker-Setzler Road; and road off Oak Ridge Loop.

11. ***Appointments***

No appointments.

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

Larry Dehart addressed council and asked for an update on the bids for the underground tanks funded by the CPST.

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

No executive session.

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

No comments.

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

Dr. Rucker extended well wishes to Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator, who is undergoing some health-related issues.

Mr. Reeder wished good luck to all students approaching graduation.

Mr. Cain apologized for his absence at the last meeting but stated he was traveling with 16 veterans by canoe on a river trip to Charleston.

Mr. Koon recognized Mr. Andrew Shealy in attendance and stated that he was very instrumental in his decision to run for County Council to represent District 4 ten years ago.

16. *Future Meetings*

- a. "Toast of the Town" 5/8/18 @ 5:30 – Community Hall
- b. Budget Work Session 5/14/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 5/16/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 5/21/18 @ 6:00 p.m.

17. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council

