



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, May 16, 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
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: Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman
Bill Waldrop, Councilman

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Livingston led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Stockman motioned to delete agenda item #6 as recommended by staff and adopt the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

3. **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.

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 #04-06-18; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

4. **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.

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

Mr. Ron Harsha, Town of Whitmire Recreation Director, addressed council with his concerns of Whitmire's annual recreation allotment distributed by the county. He said through some research he found the allotment for years 2010-2012 was \$10,000.00; in 2013 it was \$8,000.00; in 2014 it was \$8,300.00; and for years 2015-2017 there was no allotment at all. He said the recreation budget for the county should be allocated to benefit all citizens of the county. Mr. Harsha said he has been attending council meetings for several months and trying to address some of these issues without there being a public confrontation. He said he met with the county administrator to hopefully come to an amicable agreement and was told that he was out of line totally and that Whitmire, with its small tax base, should not expect other people in the county to provide its citizens with anything. The county administrator gave him a community by community breakdown of how councils' annual recreation budget was spent and implied that Whitmire should be grateful to get anything and offered me \$2,629.00 for FY 2017 and around \$3,600.00 for FY 2018/19. He thanked council and asked for consideration on this matter.

Mr. Cain thanked Mr. Harsha for sharing this information and stated we needed a good healthy discussion on how the recreation money is appropriated

Dr. Rucker noted that Mr. Adams was working on this and apologized if Mr. Harsha received negative vibes.

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

5. ***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.

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

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

6. ***Consideration of bids for City of Newberry Recreational Complex***

Deleted from agenda.

7. ***Consideration of bids for Opera House HVAC Improvements***

Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that bids were received on May 10, 2018. Three bids were received as follows: Triad Mechanical, base bid plus two alternates for a total of \$117,432.00; Thomas Mechanical base bid plus two alternates for a total of \$112,450 and; Carolina Comfort, base bid plus two alternates for a total of \$156,390. She said staff recommends Thomas Mechanical, the low bidder with the first alternate to demolish and remove two fan-coil units serving two existing offices and install new ductless split system to server two existing offices. The second alternate is to provide and install new duct-mounted hydronic reheat coils and associated controls, new air purification device, and a new demand control ventilation for AHU-4. Both alternates will improve the air flow for the guests and help the offices where the director is located.

Mr. Cain recommends that the county accepts the low bid from Thomas Mechanical, seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Appointments***

No appointments.

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

No public comments.

10. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session.

11. Comments/Request from County Administrator

No comments.

12. Comments/Request from Council Members

No comments.

13. Future Meetings

- a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 5/21/18 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 6/6/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. "On the Move with Margaret" 6/11/18 @ 9:00 a.m.
- d. Economic Development Committee 6/18/18 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. County Council 6/20/18 @ 7:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council

