



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 18, 2018  
7:00 P.M.**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 18, 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**  
**Bill Waldrop, Councilman**  
**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**

**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 started the meeting with a moment of silence in respect for the Honorable John Caldwell who passed on Monday.

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

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

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

## **2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda**

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

## **3. Newberry County Service Awards**

Chairman Livingston recognized and thanked the following employees for years of service: Richard Attaway, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Corey Cook, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Clarence Turner, Custodial Staff – 5 years; Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator- 10 years; Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council –10 years; and Robert Alexander, Public Works – 20 years

## **4. Personal Appearances**

- a. Aimee Talbot, Newberry Downtown Development Group - Funding Request for Fast Trac Initiative (Recommended by Economic Development Committee on 6/29/18)

Mrs. Talbot reported that the Downtown Development Group, in conjunction with Newberry College, has planned a 10-week FastTrac educational program led by Tom Ledbetter, Director of Entrepreneurship at Next Phase Management and Paul Smith, business professor at Newberry College. The course is designed to empower entrepreneurs and small businesses with skills to increase revenue and grow their business. It will be held on Thursdays from 6 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. from September 13<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Newberry College Speer Street Campus. Class registration is limited to 15 businesses/organizations (2 participants per business) at a cost of \$150.00 per business/entity. She said the total cost to bring FastTrac to Newberry is \$5,000.00 and both the City of Newberry and the Chamber of Commerce have agreed to support this effort by contributing \$1,000.00 each. Mrs. Talbot stated that she hoped the County of Newberry will demonstrate their commitment to supporting small business with a matching \$1,000.00 donation.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve \$1,000.00 contribution for FastTrac Training; seconded by Dr. Rucker. The vote is unanimous.

- b. Mike Briggs, President of Central SC Alliance- Annual Update

Mike Briggs presented a PowerPoint and updated council on economic development activity in Newberry County and throughout the 7 county regions over the past year.

## **5. Ordinance #06-08-18: An Ordinance for the purpose of leasing county property located in Newberry Square at 1840 Wilson Road in Newberry.**

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

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

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve the third reading of Ordinance 06-08-18; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

6. ***Ordinance #06-07-18: An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the transfer of the authority for conducting municipal elections in the Town of Peak to the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission for the conduct of municipal elections in the Town of Peak; to provide for reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission in the conduct of such municipal elections; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.***

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve the third reading of ordinance 06-07-18; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Ordinance #06-09-18: An Ordinance enacting and adopting 2018 S-14 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Newberry, South Carolina.***

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve the third reading of ordinance 06-09-18; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Consideration of bid for Silverstreet Playground Equipment from Palmetto Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$34,680.00*** (Funded by CPST) - Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director

Mrs. Waldrop reported that only one bid was received which was within budget for the Silverstreet Playground Equipment from Palmetto Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$34,680.00 and staff recommends that this bid be accepted.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the bid from Palmetto Recreation Equipment in the amount of \$34,680.00; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

9. ***Consideration of bids for Airport Renovations and Expansion*** (Recommended by Public Works and Planning Committee on 7/5/18) – Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director and Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

Solid Structures	\$518,323.06
M.A.R. Construction Co., Inc.	\$587,750.00

Mike Pisano reported that two bids were received for the expansion and renovation of the terminal building at the Newberry County Airport. He stated that 90% of the funding for this project will be through a Federal Aviation Administration Grant and the remaining 10% funded a State and local share. The total of state and local share is \$54,838. Each square foot will cost \$500.

Dr. Rucker asked Mr. Adams his thoughts on the Airport renovation.

Mr. Adams felt the cost per square foot was out of line with current construction projects.

Dr. Rucker motioned to postpone this item for further study; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was further discussion.

Council shared their concerns about the square footage cost of this project. Mr. Pisano introduced Judy Elder with Talbert Bright & Ellington, with our airport consultants, who expressed her opinion on why the bids came in high. She said contractors have work and felt they added additional administrative cost due to the stringent guidelines and paperwork required by the FAA.

Chairman Livingston agreed that the cost seemed high; however, felt this will be an opportunity for the county to make needed improvements to our airport with the bulk of the funding coming by federal grant money. He said Newberry County residents pay federal tax dollars and we should take advantage of this opportunity to make improvements or some other county will.

Dr. Rucker withdrew her motion to postpone after Ms. Elder informed Council that only one week remained to decide or the funding for airport project would not be approved by FFA; Mr. Reeder withdrew his second to postponement.

Having received no further discussion, Mr. Cain motioned to accept the low bid from of \$518,323.06; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was approved; 5-2, with Mr. Koon and Mr. Waldrop opposed.

***10. Consideration of bids for Detention Center Renovations (Funded by CPST) – Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director***

Mrs. Waldrop reported that bids for the Detention Center Renovations were received on July 12, 2018 and the following were received: Larry Pittmon & Associates with a base bid of \$1,725,000; M.A.R. Construction with \$1,475,000; Garret Construction with \$1,549,265; and Sumwalt Associates, Inc. with \$1,480,000.

Staff recommends that the county accept the low bid from M.A.R. Construction with a base bid of \$1,475,000 including four alternates for a total of \$1,635,829.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to accept the low bid from M.A.R. Construction in the amount of \$1,635,829; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote is unanimous.

***11. Appointments***

No appointments.

**12. Committee Reports**

- a. Economic Development 6/29/18 – Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director

Rick Farmer reported that the Economic Development Committee met on June 29, 2018 members were updated on project activity and development, prospect development, 2018 Toast of the Town, Laurens/Newberry Industrial Showcase and the FastTrac Entrepreneurial Training.

- b. Public Works and Planning 7/5/18 - Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

Mike Pisano reported that the Public Works and Planning committee held a Special Called Meeting on July 5, 2018 to discuss the bids on the Airport Renovation Project.

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

No public comments.

**14. Executive Session**

Chairman Livingston stated that due to time, council will postpone the county administrator and clerk to council's evaluations but will meet to discuss negotiations incident to a proposed contractual arrangement between Newberry County, Newberry Electric Cooperative and the Marlboro Development Team per §30-4-70(a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws.

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

***EXECUTIVE SESSION [8:25 P.M. – 9:58 P.M.]***

Chairman Livingston returned the meeting to open session and asked Mr. Adams to report out.

Mr. Adams report that council met in executive session and no action was taken in that session.

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

No comments.

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

No comments.

**17. Future Meetings**

- a. County Council 8/01/18 @ 7 p.m.  
b. County Council 8/15/18 @ 7 p.m.

c. Public Works and Planning Committee 8/20/18 @ 7:00 p.m.

**18. *Adjournment***

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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