

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
APRIL 1, 2020**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, S.C., for a regular scheduled meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised as provided by law.

PRESENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman  
Kirksey Koon, Vice-Chairman  
Steve Stockman, Council Member  
Travis Reeder, Council Member  
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Member  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

Watching Live Stream: Scott Cain, Council Member  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order, and Mr. Reeder had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Livingston stated for the record that tonight's meeting is being streamed on YouTube via the County's website at [www.newberry\\_county.net](http://www.newberry_county.net). This meeting is not closed to the public. However, citizens are urged to stay home and adhere to guidelines suggested by public health officials for limiting public gatherings due to the contagious nature of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

**1. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of Agenda.**

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Stockman moved to adopt the Agenda as presented; second by Mr. Koon. Vote was unanimous.

**2. Ordinance #04-14-20: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for the Newberry County Budget for County Ordinary purposes and for the 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.**

**A. First Reading**

Mr. Adams stated the proposed FY 20-21 operating budget is balanced, with revenues and expenditures equalized at \$27,038,791. Details on revenues and expenditures will be discussed at length at a budget work session of full Council on Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Stockman to approve first reading; second by Mr. Koon. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

**3. Ordinance #04-15-20: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and ending June 30, 2021, for Newberry County Library, Piedmont Technical College and 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 revenue received by the County during said fiscal year for said purposes.**

**A. First Reading**

Mr. Adams said the proposed FY 20-21 budget for the community services levy is balanced, with revenues and expenditures equalized at \$1,003,791. Details on revenues and expenditures will be discussed at length at a budget work session of full Council on Monday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Scurry to approve first reading; second by Mr. Stockman. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

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

No Executive Session needed.

**5. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.**

Mr. Adams had no comments.

**6. Comments/Requests from Council Members.**

Mr. Stockman looks forward to discussing the budget during the work session.

Mr. Koon said with Easter coming, we should be ever mindful that God gave us his son, Jesus, who gave his life that we might live. He requested that the ones who are ill or have COVID-19 be remembered.

Mr. Livingston remembered those persons who have lost jobs because of the COVID-19.

**7. Future Meetings**

- A. Budget Work Session, 4/6/2020 at 7:00 p.m.**
- B. Public Safety and Courts Committee, 4/13/2020 at 5:00 p.m.**
- C. County Council, 4/15/2020 at 7:00 p.m.**

**8. Adjournment.**

There being no additional business, Mr. Reeder moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Stockman.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

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**Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council**

**APPROVED:** \_\_\_\_\_