

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 17, 2019**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman
Kirksey Koon, Vice-Chairman
Scott Cain, 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
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director
Karen Brehmer, Assistant to County Administrator
Taylor Davenport, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Steve Stockman, Council Member

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

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

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

Mr. Reeder had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

There being no additions or deletions to the agenda motion by Mr. Reeder to adopt the agenda as presented; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

2. Newberry County Service Awards.

Mr. Livingston presented the following service awards:

- A. Ervin West, Facilities Maintenance - 5 years
- B. Andrew Stout, Sheriff's Office - 15 years
- C. Ashley Worthy, Sheriff's Office - 15 years
- D. Tony Moore, Sheriff's Office - 15 years
- E. Daniel Floyd, Sheriff's Office - 20 years

3. Personal Appearances.

A. COMET Bus Route Presentation - John Andoh, Executive Director of Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority.

Mr. Andoh advised public transit service would be restored on May 29 from downtown round trip in the morning and one round trip in the evening. Route will run Monday through Friday, excluding major holidays. There will be an emergency ride home program for those persons at a job who may need to go home earlier. A person can use the emergency ride home program four times a year. Schedule will be posted on their website.

Funding right now is from a 5307 and a 5311 grant from the federal government. A request has been submitted to Newberry County to contribute some money to help with the local match combination. This is a one year pilot, and if the pilot is successful, the COMET Board of Directors will determine if it will become a permanent route. The fares are \$4 one way; \$6 for a day pass, which includes unlimited rides on the COMET system; a 7 day pass will be \$28; a 31 day pass for \$80.

We are looking for 10 passengers per trip for the service to be determined successful. If the route meets that performance objective, the COMET Board of Directors will be presented with a recommendation to continue the route after the one year period. There will be a survey at the 6 month mark to understand if the route is meeting the residents' needs and to seek opportunities for improvement.

All buses are handicap accessible and can hold two wheelchairs.

Mr. Cain, who is on the Central Midlands Board, heard the presentation a couple of weeks ago. They service a lot of Richland and Lexington County, and they are trying to expand to help other counties with transportation needs in and out of the local areas.

4. Ordinance #04-06-19: An Ordinance amending Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinance relating to flood damage prevention, so as to adopt the state flood damage prevention model ordinance to bring it into compliance with state and federal program requirements, and other related matters - Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator.

A. First Reading

Mrs. Peters stated this amendment relates to changes for Lake Greenwood only. The change will drop the Base Flood Elevation two feet, from 442 above Mean Sea Level to 440 above Mean Sea Level. This will allow more building area with the need for flood insurance and will take effect on June 19, 2019.

Motion for first reading by Dr. Rucker; second by Mr. Cain. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration to approve Bid for Public Works Asphalt Roller - Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director.

Mrs. Waldrop stated bids were solicited and only one bid was received on April 11; that bid being from Goodlett Equipment in the amount of \$36,393.00. This was advertised as required by the Ordinance. Mrs. Waldrop contacted one of the vendors who expressed interest but they indicated their equipment engine specs couldn't meet the emission. Staff recommends acceptance of the bid from Goodlett Equipment. This is being purchased on the bond.

Motion by Dr. Rucker to accept the bid from Goodlett Equipment in the amount of \$36,393.00; second by Mr. Cain. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration to approve Bid for Animal Shelter Drain Lines - Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director.

Mrs. Waldrop said bids were solicited and two bids were received on April 11; those bids being from MAR Construction in the amount of \$49,700.00 and one from Shady Grove Construction in the amount of \$51,240.00. MAR Construction did meet the specs and Staff recommends the bid from MAR Construction in the amount of \$49,700.00. This is for drain line work repairs at the Animal Shelter and is being paid for out of the Building Maintenance capital repairs budget.

Motion by Mr. Reeder to accept the bid of MAR Construction in the amount of \$49,700.00; second by Mr. Scurry. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

7. Appointments.

No appointments.

8. Committee Reports.

A. Public Safety and Courts Committee 4/15/19 - Tommy Long, Public Safety Director.

Mr. Long reported the Committee met on April 15, 2018 with two items on the agenda. The County Coroner presented information on a grant to see if the Council was interested in her applying for. The Chief Deputy Coroner presented information regarding concerns with their budget items. Those will be sent to the Finance Committee to be addressed. The Board of Rural Fire Control Chairman Horne presented an update on budget priorities for the fire services.

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

No public comments.

10. Executive Session (if needed).

No Executive Session needed.

11. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

Mr. Adams had no comments.

12. Comments/Requests from Council Members.

Mr. Reeder advised that Presidential Candidate Corey Booker will be in Newberry on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kinard at 12:00 Noon.

Mr. Cain wished everyone a happy and safe Easter.

Mr. Koon wished everyone a happy Easter. He spoke with Mike O'Connell, a retired city police officer and was the officer shot in the line of duty at the Laurens County Hospital, and he is doing well and will have a full recovery.

Mr. Livingston wished everyone a happy and safe Easter weekend.

13. Future Meetings.

- A. Public Works and Planning Committee 4/29/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- B. County Council Meeting 5/1/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- C. Budget Work Session 5/13/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- D. County Council Meeting 5/15/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**

14. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before County Council, Mr. Reeder moved to adjourn; second by Dr. Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

APPROVED: _____