

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2019**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, April 3, 2019, in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina, at 7:00 p.m for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: **Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**
 Kirksey Koon, Vice-Chairman
 Steve Stockman, Council Member
 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 the County Administrator

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

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda.

Motion by Dr. Rucker to adopt the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the March 6, 2019 and March 20, 2019 Council meetings; second by Mr. Cain. There being no discussion,

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Reeder moved to adopt the agenda as presented; second by Mr. Stockman. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

3. Personal Appearances.

A. Jacob and Leslie Andrews - Request from Jacob and Leslie Andrews concerning failure to file timely for agricultural special assessment. Code Section 12-43-220(3)(A) of the S.C. Code of Laws provides that “[t]he governing body may extend the time for filing upon a showing satisfactory to it that the person had a reasonable cause for not filing on or before the first penalty date.”

Most of Mr. Andrews presentation was inaudible.

Jacob Andrews stated that he had just now received his notice because it was sent to the wrong address. He said his taxes are typically \$46-\$48 but this notice was for almost \$2,000.

After discussion and questions from County Council and the County Administrator, Mr. Cain moved to extend the deadline for Mr. Andrews for filing for the agricultural assessment for 5 business days; second by Dr. Rucker. There being no further discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

4. Ordinance #04-04-19: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, 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.

A. First Reading

Mr. Adams stated the proposed fiscal year 19-20 operating budget is balanced, with revenues and expenditures equalized at \$25,815,865. The proposed budget was discussed at the Finance

Committee meeting on Monday, March 25, 2019. Details on revenues and expenditures will be discussed at length in a work session of full Council on Monday, April 8.

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

5. Ordinance #04-05-19: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, 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.

A. First Reading.

The proposed fiscal year 19-20 budget for the community services levy is balanced, with revenues and expenditures equalized at \$975,478. As with the general operating budget, it was discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on March 25, and it will be discussed again at the upcoming meeting on Monday, April 8.

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

6. Resolution #05-19: A Resolution declaring April as Children and Youth Month.

Mr. Adams welcomed members of the American Legion Auxiliary to Council. Mr. Adams read the resolution into the record. A copy of the Resolution is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Motion by Mr. Cain to adopt Resolution; second by Dr. Rucker. There being no discussion, Mr. Livingston called for the Vote. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston then presented the Resolution to members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

7. Consideration to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement between Newberry County Sheriff's Office and the Town of Prosperity. (Requested by Sheriff Lee Foster).

Mr. Adams stated this agreement authorizes mutual action/assistance by each entity on the other's behalf. These agreements no longer require Council authorization but the Sheriff's

feeling is that Council should be informed of their existence. A copy of the agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

No objection by any Council Members as to the Mutual Aid Agreement. No further action required on this matter.

8. Appointments.

No appointments.

9. Committee Reports.

A. Finance Committee 03-25-2019, Debbie Cromer, Finance Director.

Mrs. Cromer had no comments to add to what was previously stated by Mr. Adams

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

No public comments.

11. Executive Session (if needed).

No Executive Session needed.

12. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

No comments.

13. Comments/Requests from Council Members.

Mr. Scurry requested prayers for one another.

Dr. Rucker requested prayers for the Ruff family.

Mr. Reeder felt it was time to start bringing the neighborhood back together and talking to our children; letting them know what is right and what is wrong. Children want to be loved and a lot of things are happening because they feel nobody loves them.

Mr. Cain commended first responders to an incident in Prosperity recently, including the coroner, deputies and the Prosperity Rescue Squad. A letter of appreciation was received from a citizen. Also, the American Legion Auxiliary sends 9 girls to Girls State. The average for the whole State is approximately 2-4.

Mr. Livingston received a letter commending the County Administrator. He also thanked the team responsible for working on the budget. The incident Mr. Cain referred to was at Crim's Creek in Pomaria so it was the Pomaria Rescue Squad and not Prosperity.

14. Future Meetings.

- A. Special Called Council Meeting 04/18/19 at 6:30 p.m.**
- B. County Council Budget Work Session 04/18/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- C. Public Safety and Courts Committee 04/15/19 @ 5:00 p.m.**
- D. County Council 04/17/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**
- E. Public Works and Planning Committee 04/29/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**

15. Adjournment.

There being no further business, Mr. Koon moved to adjourn.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

APPROVED: _____