

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 21, 2021**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

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

PRESENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman
Todd Johnson, Vice-Chairman
Mary Arrowood, Council Member
Nick Shealy, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Tony McDonald, Interim County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Taylor Davenport, Assistant to County Administrator
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Les Hipp, Council Member

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

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

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Shealy move to adopt the Agenda as presented; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

2. **Ordinance #07-15-21: An Ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance of the County of Newberry adopted June 20 2016, so as to amend the zoning map acting on a request to amend the official zoning map established, codified in Chapter 153 of the County of Newberry Code of Ordinances, so as rezone one real estate parcel totaling seventeen and seventy-three hundredths (17.73) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 523-46 from RS-Single Family Residential to R2-Rural.**
 - a. **Second Reading**

This property is located along Counts Road, between Mt. Pilgrim Church Road and Long Road. The Planning Staff and Joint Planning Commission recommend that this real estate parcel be rezoned to R2-Rural. There have been no changes since first reading.

Mrs. Arrowood moved to adopt second reading; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

3. **Ordinance #07-17-21: An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an equipment lease purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding \$481,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Newberry County, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers, and other matters relating thereto.**
 - a. **Second Reading**

The equipment approved in the FY 21-22 budget are brush/mini pumper for the Board of Rural Fire Control - \$100,000; flatbed truck for Public Works - \$80,318; 911 recorder - \$100,000; EMS ambulance - \$200,000 for a total of \$480,318.

Mr. Reeder moved to adopt second reading; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

4. **Consideration to redistribute funds in the FY 21-22 Budget for the expansion of the Mid Carolina Commerce Park - Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director**

Mr. Farmer advised no additional funding would be needed. Construction of the building pad has been placed on hold. Staff will seek other funding sources.

Mrs. Arrowood moved to approve redistribution of funds (\$449,633) in the FY 21-22 budget for the expansion of the Mid Carolina Commerce Park; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration to approve Lindler’s Construction of S.C., LLC, for the expansion of Mid Carolina Commerce Park in the amount of \$3,784,133.00 - Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director

Mr. Farmer advised this project is within budget after redistribution of funds, and staff recommends approval of the \$3,784,133 bid from Lindler’s Construction.

Mr. Reeder moved to approve the bid of \$3,784,133 from Lindler’s Construction for the expansion of Mid Carolina Commerce Park; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

6. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session needed.

7. Appointments

Mr. Shealy recommended the appointment of Aubrey Horne, Sr. to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shealy recommended the appointment of Dwight McDuffie to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shealy recommended the appointment of Adam Crouch to the Board of Rescue Control; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Shealy recommended the appointment of Sandra Oliver to the Library Board; seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Johnson recommended the appointment of Clay Bodie to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson recommended the appointment of Blair Long to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson recommended the appointment of David Andrews to the Board of Rescue Squads; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston recommended the appointment of Nate Birochak to the Board of Rescue Squads; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

8. Public Comments

Randy Mills, 2151 Boinest Road, Prosperity - addressed the issue of the smell of the sewage plant on Boinest Road. With the approval of the subdivision and the industrial park, he requested that something be done since the sewage plant can't handle it now.

Mr. Livingston asked Mr. McDonald to get with Mr. Mills to determine what might be done.

9. Comments/Requests from County Administrator

Mr. McDonald updated Council on the following items:

- Capital Project Sales Tax - He met with bond counsel last week. The next Council meeting will bring about the creation of the commission by Resolution. He requested that Council Members think about how to offer nominees for this committee,
- Solar Farm Work Session - Staff is looking at the second week of August for a possible work session. The work session needs to be held before August 18th, which is the second reading of the ordinance. Staff has contacted agencies with expertise in solar farms.
- Redistricting - A formal request has been made to Frank Rainwater with the Department of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs for assistance with the

redistricting. The first census information is expected at the end of September.

10. Comments/Requests from Council Members

Mr. Shealy thanked all employees for their work.

Mrs. Arrowood had no comments.

Mr. Johnson said Newberry County has the greatest folks and people in the world.

Mr. Scurry stated everything was great. In his area the solar farm is an issue and wants to invite his district to the council work session.

Mr. Reeder thanked the county employes for their work,

Mr. Livingston thanked Mr. McDonald and the employees for their work.

11. Future Meetings (all meetings being at 6:00 p.m.)

- **Public Works and Planning Committee - 08/16/21**
- **County Council - 08/18/21**
- **County Council - 09/01/21**

****Please note County Council will NOT meet the first Wednesday of August (8/4/21)****

12. Adjournment

Mrs. Arrowood moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: _____