

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 21, 2018**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, November 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, S.C., for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman
William D. Waldrop, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Scott Cain, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Woman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
Katherine Hook, HR Assistant
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

MEDIA; Andrew Wiggers, Newberry Observer

ABSENT: Kirksey Koon, Vice-Chairman
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Taylor Davenport, Administrative Assistant

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

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

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

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

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

2. Personal Appearances - Heather Hawkins, Ticketing and Guest Experience Manager for The Newberry Opera House. The Smithsonian Museum traveling exhibit *Crossroads Change in Rural America.*

Heather Hawkins said the traveling exhibit Crossroads Change in Rural America is coming to the Opera House Lobby from December 16 through February 2.

There are two main events, one on Sunday, December 16, at 4:00 for the ribbon cutting with a movie of Newberry In Color from 1948 which shows 3 young ladies who fly into the airport and go shopping downtown and downtown is bustling. Also at that same time they will talk about how arts have been a part of our story in Newberry County. Randy _____, who is the VP for Americans for the Arts will be here and give a keynote address.

Then later in January, Tom Poland, an author who does a lot of travel events, will be doing two talks, one Lost Traditions of the South and South Carolina Backroads.

Other opportunities we will have are Ken Robertson from Clemson University. He will be speaking with the Stories Yes Program. We will also have a free pen writing workshop and it will be a way to talk about what rural means to you and tell your story and get some of these stories on paper about our county. That will be probably the first weekend in March.

One of the other main events since this is sponsored in part by the South Carolina Humanities, is they will come back into our community and will ask people to fill out cards such as what if you were mayor; what would you do; what is your vision; what is next for your community.

We are looking at having conversations in May, probably in the schools because we want to debut the documentaries that the school children will be doing as part of the Stories Yes. That is a separate grant we have which is basically oral history collection and a way for these students to get brand new equipment. We will choose students from the high school level and they will be given a list they can choose from or do their own story. Crossroads actually came out of a Stories Yes documentary.

We will start putting up posters across the county.

There are not a lot of items in this exhibit but mainly photos and videos of people talking about why I choose to live where I live. There is a wonderful audio in the exhibit about the night that the lights came on for the first time.

We need your help with your attendance, advice, getting the word out in the community and what stories need to be on the list for the students to choose from for the Stories Yes Project.

3. Ordinance #11-21-18: An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes and Incentive Agreement by and between Newberry

County, South Carolina and Schweitzer-Mauduit International, Inc. to provide for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes, authorizing certain special source revenue credits; and other related matters thereto.

A. Second Reading

Mr. Adams stated there had been no change to this Ordinance,

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

4. Resolution #13-18: A Resolution to establish that no objection on behalf of Newberry County shall be made with regard to a petition to close a street or road (Cannon Creek Court, Newberry County Industrial Park) pursuant to Section 57-9-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina.

Mr. Adams stated this roadway is in the Industrial Park and is being closed to accommodate Samsung's expansion plans.

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

5. Resolution #14-18: A Resolution consenting to a ten year extension of the termination date for Komatsu America Corporation under the Fee Agreement with Newberry County pursuant to Title 12, Chapter 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended, and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Adams said this resolution extends the existing Komatsu fee agreement for an additional 10 years, making the entirety of the agreement 30 years. No other terms of the existing agreement are changed

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

6. Appointments.

Mr. Reeder recommended the reappointment of Rick Farmer and Zebbie Goudelock to the Upper Savannah Workforce Board.

Second to reappointment of Rick Farmer by Mr Cain. Vote was unanimous.

Second to reappointment of Zebbie Goudelock by Mr. Waldrop, Vote was unanimous.

7. Committee Report - Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations (11/19/18) - Katherine Hook, Human Resources Assistant.

Ms. Hook said the following items were motioned by the Personnel and Intergovernmental Committee to bring before Council at the December 5, 2018 meeting with recommendation for approval:

1. The County will observe Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday, November 22, and Friday, November 23. Christmas holidays will be observed on Monday, December 24; Tuesday, December 25; and Wednesday, December 26. The New Year holiday will be observed on Tuesday, January 1, 2019.

2. The employee Christmas dinner will be Thursday, December 20, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. at Community Hall. Bill & Fran's will cater it.

3. Employees will receive gift cards in the amount of \$50 from Food Lion. Food Lion offered a 6% discount to purchase the cards. There will be around 200 cards purchased.

4. A dress code policy was requested at our September meeting and a copy of this policy will be included in the December 5 packet.

Mr. Adams asked if everyone was generally okay with the \$50 gift card because we need to get those purchased. It was the consensus of Council to proceed with purchase of the gift cards.

8. Public Comments by those who signed up at the meeting.

No public Comments.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session needed.

10. Comments/Request from County Administrator.

Mr. Adams said Bill Waldrop came on Council 32 years ago and has 2 meetings left before his retirement.

11. Comments/Request from Council Members

Dr. Rucker said Bill Waldrop taught her a lot and she appreciated it.

Mr. Reeder said Bill talks to you anytime you need advice, and he appreciates it. He also welcomed his daughter to the meeting, who is a student at USC, and she is actually observing for a class.

Mr. Cain thanked Bill for all his service and contributions to the County.

Mr. Stockman wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. He said he would save his remarks for Bill for another meeting.

Mr. Waldrop wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked everyone for their comments.

Mr. Livingston thanked Andrew Wiggers for the great job of reporting Council meeting.

12. Future Meetings:

- A. Finance Committee Meeting 11/26/18 at 6:00 p.m.**
- B. County Council Meeting 12/5/18 at 7:00 p.m.**
- C. Economic Development Committee Meeting 12/10/18 at 7:00 p.m.**
- D. County Council Meeting 12/19/18 at 7:00 p.m.**
- E. WKDK Coffee Hour (formerly On the Move with Margaret) 12/10/18 at 9:15**

a.m.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mr. Waldrop moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

APPROVED: _____