

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2019**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 20, 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
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

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

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

Mr. Stockman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

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

2. Newberry County Service Awards.

Mr. Adams presented service awards to the following employees:

William E. Rogers, Voters Registration - 5 years
Francisco, Torres, Sheriff's Office - 5 years
Adra Battle, Veterans Affairs - 10 years
James L. Foster, Sheriff's Office - 30 years
Steven Stockman, Councilman - 10 years
Kirksey Koon, Councilman - 10 years
Henry H. Livingston, III, Councilman - 20 years

Mr. Adams welcomed Professor Dennis Lambries from Newberry College and students from his government class.

Mr. Livingston thanked the employees for their service to the citizens of Newberry County.

3. Ordinance #02-01-19: An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between Newberry County, South Carolina and a Company or Companies known to the County at this time as Project Cumulus with respect to certain economic development property in the County, whereby such property will be subject to certain payments in Lieu of Taxes, including the provision of certain special source revenue credit, and other matters related thereto.

A. Second Reading

Mr. Adams said based on a stated investment level of \$45 million, the project would receive FILOT treatment, along with a special source revenue credit sufficient to result in a levelized annual fee payment of \$109,900 for 30 years. This is a solar project that would be located north of Chappells near the Greenwood County line. The property borders SC 39 and Brannon Road.

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

4. Resolution #04-19: 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 pursuant to Section 57-9-10 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended.

Mr. Adams said this road is a spur off Oak Ridge Drive (off Highway 34) that was dedicated to the County by plat/deed but never built. The road as such does not exist and has no name. The developers have filed a petition for a road closure. This resolution merely states that the County has no objection to the closing of the road.

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. Appointments.

Mr. Koon recommended the appointment of James Counts, Jr., who lives on Brown Street in Prosperity, to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board; second by Mr. Stockman. Vote was unanimous.

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

No public comments.

7. Executive Session (if needed).

No Executive Session needed.

8. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

Mr. Adams addressed the issue of highway litter and requested that people please not litter.

9. Comments/Requests from Council Members.

Dr. Rucker reported that she has attended two full days of Economic Development training and that she has three more sessions. She missed last Council meeting due to the training.

Mr. Reeder attended the dedication of the monument placed in Batesburg on behalf of Isaac Woodard, who was a World War II veteran on his way home to Winnsboro. He stopped in Batesburg and he and the bus driver got into an altercation. The police were called, and they proceeded to beat Mr. Woodard, who was blinded because of this.

Mr. Livingston congratulated Mr. Cain on being named Ambassador for Newberry Young Professionals.

10. Future Meetings.

- A. Finance Committee Meeting 3/18/19 @ 6:00 p.m.**
- B. Personnel & Intergovernmental Relations Committee 3/4/19 @ 6:00 p.m.**
- C. County Council Meeting 3/6/19 @ 7:00 p.m.**

11. Adjournment.

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

Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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APPROVED:_____