

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Minutes

October 21, 2020

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, 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, Administrator
Karen Brehmer, Finance Department
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Department
Taylor Davenport, Assistant to the Administrator

ABSENT: Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order, followed by the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda

There being no additions or deletions to the Agenda, Mr. Koon moved to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Stockman. Vote was unanimous.

2. Employee Service Awards

Mr. Livingston presented service awards to the following County Employees.

- Abigayle Cook, Sheriff's Office – 5 Years
- Katherine Folk, Sheriff's Office – 5 Years
- Melinda Long, Auditor's Office – 10 Years
- Odell Schumpert, Sheriff's Office – 25 Years
- Garrett Lominack, Sheriff's Office – 25 Years

3. Ordinance #10-22-20: An Ordinance to declare surplus and approve the transfer of a portion of certain real estate property owned by Newberry County.

a. Second Reading

Motion by Mr. Reeder to approve the second reading; seconded by Dr. Rucker. Vote was unanimous.

4. Resolution 09-20: A Resolution in support of Second Amendment Rights in Newberry County.

Mr. Koon wanted to recognize Mr. James Wimmer for bringing this Resolution to Council for consideration.

Mr. Reeder stated that he could not in favor of this resolution as he thinks there should be more gun control.

Mr. Rucker stated that she believes that this Resolution follows what the Constitution says in the Second Amendment.

Motion by Mr. Koon to approve the Resolution; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The Resolution was approved with a vote 5-2; with Mr. Reeder and Mr. Scurry opposed.

5. Resolution 10-20: A Resolution honoring Mrs. Mattie Clark Whitaker on her 100th Birthday.

Motion by Dr. Rucker to approve the resolution; seconded by Mr. Stockman. Vote was unanimous.

6. Discussion of offering for sale Tax Parcel Number 398-23 (1.66 acres at the corner of Hwy. 219 and Hillbrook Lane in Newberry)

Mr. Adams reported that this involves two realtors, each representing a different client, who are interested in purchasing this property. He stated that Council could go into executive session to discuss whether or not to sale the property, and at what price.

Motion made by Dr. Rucker to discuss in executive session; seconded by Mr. Cain. Vote was unanimous.

7. Appointments

No appointments were made.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Public Works & Planning 09/21/20
Mike Pisano, Public Works Director

This meeting was cancelled. No committee update.

9. Executive Session- §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, 1976 (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice relates to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim.

Mr. Adams stated that staff would like an Executive Session under §30-4- 70(a)(2) of the SC Code of Laws pertaining to discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property.

Dr. Rucker motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION [7:17 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.]

Chairman Livingston returned the meeting to Open Session and asked Mr. Adams to report out. Mr. Adams reported that Council met in Executive Session for the stated purpose above and no action was taken in that session.

10. Public Comments

No comments.

11. Comments/Requests from the County Administrator

Mr. Adams wanted to report that the Planning Commission met last night and had a quorum. He would like to thank the members of the Commission for their hard work.

12. Comments/Requests from Council Members

Mr. Scurry thank the Sheriff's Department the work they did to apprehend a fugitive. He also encouraged all citizens to continue to be safe during the pandemic.

Mr. Reeder thanked his fellow Council members for approving the Resolution in honor of his grandmother's 100th birthday.

Mr. Koon recognized Mr. Daniel Sessions who was killed in the line of duty. Mr. Sessions worked for the Greenville Police Department and has family that lives in Pomaria where he will be buried.

Mr. Livingston wanted to remember Mr. Larry Dehart who recently passed. Mr. Dehart attended Council meetings regularly and was a volunteer fireman.

13. Future Meetings

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| a. County Council | 11/04/20 | 7:00 p.m. |
| b. Personnel & Intergovernmental | 11/09/20 | 6:00 p.m. |
| c. County Council | 11/18/20 | 7:00 p.m. |

14. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before Council, Dr. Rucker moved to adjourn. Mr. Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Taylor Davenport, Assistant to the Administrator

Approved: _____