

*NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL*

*MINUTES*

*October 19, 2022*

*The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 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: Todd Johnson, Chair (District 1)*  
*Les Hipp, Vice-Chair (District 5)*  
*Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)*  
*Henry H. Livingston, III, Council Member (District 3)*  
*Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)*  
*Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)*  
*Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)*  
*Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator*  
*Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director*  
*Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director*  
*Jacquelyn R. Lawrence, Clerk to Council*  
*Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney*  
*Christopher Inglese, County Administrator*

*MEDIA: Dylan Francis, Newberry Observer*

*Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present.*

*Mr. Shealy had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.*

## **1. Public Appearances**

*Michelle Long, Executive Director Chamber of Commerce presented an update of what is currently happening with the Chamber. The logo has been changed to send a better message to the public. The Chamber is the community visitor center. Many programs and events are offered for local businesses, such as Business After Hours. They offer ribbon cuttings for new businesses and business relocations. Local businesses are also encouraged to attend the many different types of morning breakfast events to keep up to date with things going on in the community.*

*The Chamber is doing a fundraiser at the Newberry Country Club. The Farmer's and Art Market will continue for the next couple of weeks and then return April of 2023. The Chamber promotes the Ag and Art tour to moves throughout the state.*

*The Chamber likes to collaborate with others to help fill needs or voids for programs or events. Pork in the Park is one of those events that the Chamber works with the city. Christmas time is very popular at the Chamber which include Santa's Workshop and Storytime, NYP Holiday Party and the Christmas Tour of Homes.*

*Some of the co-sponsored events are Career Showcase, Jr. Leadership, Job Fairs.*

*Chamber specific programs are Leadership Newberry County, Newberry County Young Professionals. The programs do community work such as H.U.G.S Drive, Little Food Pantry.*

*The Chamber will be bringing Newberry on Board back in 2023. There will also be a Civic Engagement in spring of 2023.*

*Council thanked Mrs. Long for her hard work and the great presentation.*

## **2. Adoption of the Consent Agenda**

*Mr. Shealy moved to adopt the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Reeder. With no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

## **3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of the Agenda**

*Mrs. Arrowood moved to adopt the agenda as written; seconded by Mr. Scurry. With no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

## **4. Ordinance No. 09-21-2022 An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a fee agreement by and between Newberry County, South Carolina, and Newberry PVI, LLC providing for a payment of a fee in lieu of taxes, providing special source of revenue credits, and authorizing an amendment to the master agreement governing the**

*Greenwood-Newberry Industrial Park to provide for the addition of property and other matters related thereto.*

*a. Public Hearing*

*Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing open. With no one appearing to speak, Mr. Hipp made a motion to declare the public hearing closed, seconded by Mr. Shealy. With no further discussion Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**5. *Approval of test pump water tanks at the Public Safety Facility***

*Tommy Long asked for permission to have three tanks installed at the training facility. The cost of the tanks had been covered by a local business and the installation will be done by a contractor that is currently a volunteer with the County.*

*Mr. Johnson asked regarding the one cent sales tax, if it is to pass, will this installation have any effect on that project.*

*Mr. Long explained where everything will go and that there will be no effect on the proposed station.*

*Mr. Livingston asked about the impact of those buildings being used for storage.*

*Mr. Long stated that there should not be any negative impact from storage on the training facility.*

*Mr. Shealy made a motion to approve the installation of the tanks, seconded by Mrs. Arrowood. With no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

**6. *Acceptance of vendor for "Closed Landfill Monitoring and Testing"***

*Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director, stated that staff has solicited statements of qualifications for the DHEC mandated testing and monitoring of the closed landfill. Five responses have been received. Each response was evaluated individually by the members of the committee. The highest ranked firm is from Rogers & Callcott. Staff is recommending that firm.*

*Mr. Johnson asked if there is a price comparison.*

*Mrs. Waldrop stated that not all submitted pricing because the request for qualifications does not require pricing to be submitted.*

*Mr. Livingston questioned the formulation of the rubric as some of the evaluation scores did not seem to add up.*

*Mrs. Waldrop responded with the scores were done on an individual basis as the committee did not meet as a whole and discuss each submission.*

*Mr. Hipp asked how a proper financial decision can be made without having a dollar amount from all five of the submissions.*

*Mr. Shealy asked if it is possible to get pricing from the others.*

*Council requests that the project be rebid with pricing to be included from the vendors that have already submitted.*

*Mr. Hipp made a motion to have the project rebid with pricing, seconded by Mr. Shealy. With no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

## **7. Appointments**

*Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Laverne Brock to the Newberry County Library Board, seconded by Mr. Livingston. With no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

## **8. Public Comments**

*No public comments.*

## **9. Executive Session**

*Code Section §30-4-70 (a) of the Code of Laws of SC, as amended, 1976*

- (1) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contractual arrangements and proposed sale or purchase of property - Pond Road. 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. Reeder moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the matters as set forth above; seconded by Mr. Hipp. There being no further discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**6:38 P.M. – 7:20 P.M.**

*Mr. Scurry moved to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Reeder. Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

*Mr. Johnson reported that no action was taken during Executive Session.*

*Mr. Hipp made a motion that the County surplus known as Pond Road, in accordance with the surplus procedure that it be put out for disposal, seconded by Mr. Shealy. With no further discussion Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.*

## **10. Comments/Request from County Administrator**

*No comments.*

## **11. Comments/Request from Council Members**

*Mr. Johnson asked staff to explore the option of a confidence monitor for the back of the chambers. It could make it easier when presentations are being presented. No other comments from other Council members.*

**12. Future Meetings**

- a. Public Safety Committee - October 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- b. County Council - November 2, 2022, at 6 p.m.
- c. Delinquent Tax Sale - November 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
- d. Council Retreat - November 14, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.
- e. County Council - November 16, 2022, at 6 p.m.

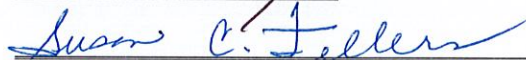
**13. Adjournment**

*Mr. Shealy moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hipp. Mr. Johnson called for the vote. Vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.*

Newberry County Council



Todd Johnson, Chairman



Jackie Lawrence, Clerk to Council

Minutes approved: 11-2-2022