

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JUNE 17, 2019**

The Newberry County Council Economic Development Committee met on Monday, June 17, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, South Carolina, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Steve Stockman, Chairman
Scott Cain, Council Member
Henry H. Livingston, Council Member
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Council Member
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Kara Cannon, Economic Development Specialist

ABSENT: Wayne Adams, County Administrator (Economic Development trip to Korea)

1. Call to Order.

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

2. Election of Chairman for 2019 - A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney.

Mr. Stockman turned the meeting over to Mr. Tothacer for election of the Chairman for 2019.

Mr. Cain moved to re-elect Mr. Stockman as Chairman; second by Mr. Livingston. There being no further nominations, Mr. Tothacer declared the nominations closed and called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Tothacer then turned the meeting over to Mr. Stockman.

3. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda.

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

4. Approval of December 10, 2019 Minutes.

Motion by Mr. Livingston to approve the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Cain. There being no discussion, Mr. Stockman called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

5. Public Comments.

Brent Richardson, Daniel Quattlebaum and Terry Rawls, as representatives from the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority, reported on what the Water and Sewer Authority is doing relating to economic development and requested an update from the County as to the status of the Mid Carolina Commerce Park.

Dr. Rucker requested that the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority furnish a written report to the County Administrator.

6. Staff Report.

Rick Farmer reported that project activity is up slightly over what it has been the past year. There is an average of 48 new projects per year.

As to product development, he reported on the following:

1. Mid Carolina Commerce Park recertification, irrigation and reclamation of retention ponds.

2. Spec Building development - there have been several delays. MDT will own the building and has a prospect. Newberry County is contributing \$420,000 and AT&T is contributing \$80,000 for the public road portion of the development.

3. Virtual spec at Cockrell Site.

4. Newberry County Industrial Park signage, road repairs, and extension of Mawson Way.

Prospect development - Mr. Adams is in Korea on an economic development mission.

Existing Industry Report:

1. Kraft - Stock price as of today \$30.34.
2. McKechnie Vehicle Components - great existing industry meeting in Detroit.
3. MM Technics - full speed ahead.
4. Valmont - business is booming.
5. Big Gun Robotics - (inaudible)
6. Kiswire - business is good.
7. MacLean Power Systems - (inaudible)
8. Samsung - finishing up Phase 3.
9. Metal Masters - \$2 Million in additional investments and up to 90 employees total.
10. SWM - fully operational in Mid Carolina Commerce Park. Grand opening is June 26.

Toast of the Town - we had the largest crowd ever. There were 3 award winners 1) Metal Masters (growth award); 2) Samsung (investment award); and 3) MM Technics (investment award).

Mr. Farmer requested approval of two Central South Carolina invoices for a total of \$36,000 . Dr. Rucker moved to present these to full Council for approval in the amount of \$36,000;

seconded by Mr. Livingston. There being no discussion, Mr. Stockman called for the vote. Vote was unanimous.

The Laurens/Newberry Business and Industry Showcase will be held in Newberry this year on October 8. They are predicting attendance of 1,000 8th graders from the two counties.

The new hotel (Home 2) is going up and we still have other hotel developers looking at Newberry County.

A housing developer is looking at a 140 unit lakefront subdivision on Lake Murray.

7. Comments by and discussion items from the Committee Members.

No comments.

8. Executive Session.

Pursuant to Section 30-4-70 and (a)(5), discussion of matters incident to proposed contractual arrangements, and related to the proposed location, expansion or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other business in the area served by the public body, Mr. Livingston moved to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Livingston moved to return to open session.

Mr. Tothacer reported no action was taken in Executive Session.

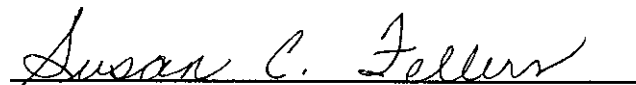
9. Adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Livingston moved to adjourn.

Mr. Stockman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Steve Stockman, Chairman

Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved as amended: 9-23-2019