



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 3, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

**PRESENT:**   **Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**  
                  **Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman**  
                  **John E. Caldwell, Councilman**  
                  **Bill Waldrop, Councilman**  
                  **Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman**  
                  **Steven C. Stockman, Councilman**  
                  **Scott Cain, Councilman**  
                  **Wayne Adams, County Administrator**  
                  **A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney**  
                  **Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council**  
                  **Debbie Cromer, Finance Director**

**MEDIA:**     **Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer**  
                  **Tammy Kitchen, WKDK**

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order and determined a quorum present.

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

**1.     Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda**

Mr. Cain motioned to adopt the agenda; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

## 2. Presentation

### Mrs. Denise Reid and Mrs. Peggy West – Update on Museum Plans for Old Post Office/Old Library

Chairman Livingston recognized and thanked all those in attendance who have helped and supported the museum endeavor.

Mrs. Reid commended Council for their input, guidance, and participation for this to be happening. She shared that they have visited other museums across the state and are excited to report that our facility, artifacts, and story will be far superior to anything South Carolina has seen before. Mrs. Reid introduced Mrs. Peggy West, President of the Museum Board

Mrs. West introduced herself and updated Council on the museum activities since the last presentation.

- Finance Committee has submitted IRS form requesting tax exempt status
- Facilities and Grounds Committee reported the new contractor, Baker and Son, is working on the interior and the exterior of the building
- Grants Committee is exploring different options for grants
- Technology and Communications Committee is working to get the computer and software up and running.
- Community Relations and Education Committee is working to get word out to the county Town Councils and has recommended that the museum host a tea and topics get-together every month or every other month as a fundraising project. The committee is working with Dr. Tracy Power of Newberry College to involve students and possibly develop an app for a walking tour of Newberry and the College.

Mrs. West said that the new museum will be open on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> during Octoberfest with displays in the building. During the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a dedication of The Joseph Curr (1797-1823) Monument that has been restored in the Village Cemetery behind Boundary Street. She invited Council and their families and friends to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the museum on September 28th at the new museum from 3-5 p.m. She extended thanks to each and every Council member for their help and shared that she felt the museum will be a blessing to our town.

Mr. Cain said there have been a lot of hours donated to make this happen. He said the 2016 penny sales tax will be the flagship for our county to move forward with this project. He applauded everyone for all of their hard work.

Chairman Livingston thanked everyone for their comments

3. **Ordinance #07-11-14: An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in the amount not exceeding \$1,265,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Newberry County, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers, and other matters relating thereto.**

Chairman Livingston reported that there have been no changes in this ordinance and money has already been allocated in the budget.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #07-11-14; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Ordinance #09-12-14: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 12-24-01, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone a two (2.0) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling twenty-one and five tenths (21.5) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 586-6 from Rural (R2) to Limited Commercial (LC).**

Mrs. Peters identified the parcel and its location on a map for members of Council. She said the owners have a landscaping business and the purpose of the rezoning is so they can store stones used for building projects on a two (2) acre parcel of their property. She stated that the stones will not be for sale to the general public.

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #09-12-14; seconded by Mr. Hipp.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Stockman asked Mrs. Peters if the whole parcel is currently zoned rural because this has been going on for quite a while.

Mrs. Peters responded that they found it by way of a violation.

Mr. Stockman said he has been concerned because it is an eyesore and asked what it would open up if the two (2) acres were rezoned,

Mrs. Peters replied that anything under Limited Commercial would be permitted and it could be used for residential purposes.

Mr. Stockman shared his concerns that none of the property around there is zoned commercial or limited commercial. He said he was not sure what all could go on the property under limited commercial.

Mrs. Peters read the permitted uses under limited commercial.

Chairman Livingston reminded Council that this is first reading and we can ask Mrs. Peters to send us the uses so we can have a better understanding.

Mrs. Peters stated that both owners were in attendance if Council had any questions.

Mrs. Renee Felix, owner, was invited to the podium and stated that she resided at 5500 Macedonia Church Rd. She said they have a family stone company that has been in business for 35 years selling wholesale and retail stone. They decided to discontinue the retail side and do not want the walk-in traffic. She said they did not know they were doing anything wrong by storing stone on their property. This is family land and they are not looking to turn it into anything else. She said they would like to hide the stone because they know it is an eyesore and rezoning the two (2) acres will allow them to store it on the back side of the property where it will not be visible from the road.

Chairman Livingston commented that this has gone before the Planning Commission and they have approved it.

Having received no further discussion, the vote was unanimous to approve first reading of Ordinance #09-12-14.

**5. Resolution #07-14: A Resolution to approve an Agreement with Fairfield County concerning the temporary transfer of law enforcement officers with the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.**

Chairman Livingston reported that this resolution formalizes a temporary sharing of law enforcement resources between the two counties. The referenced agreement is much like a mutual aid agreement, and emphasizes controlling crimes related to gang enterprises, illegal narcotics use, and vice-related crimes in general.

**6. Appointments**

No appointments

**7. Committee Meetings**

- a. Public Works and Planning 8/25/14

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that the Public Works and Planning Committee met on August 25, 2014 and the following was discussed:

- Citizens on Glade Springs Road asked if their dirt and gravel road could be considered for entry into the county system. Newberry County Ordinance states that no road can be accepted unless paved to county standards. Public Works did agree to address a drainage and site visibility issue on Glade Springs Road.
- Single stream recycling is in the design phase and site assessments are being completed to determine the best location for the containers as to safety and ease of use.
- The Airport Apron Project is underway for the expansion and rehabilitation of the apron and ramp.
- Contractors will soon be making repairs to Dillinger Road.
- Drainage project on Hamm Drive is underway with ROW's being obtained and work commencing within the next several weeks.
- Staff is working with consultants on the Mitigation Plan for the old landfill and should soon have it ready for bid.

Mr. Hipp asked Mr. Pisano if Public Works could cut the tall grass at the end of the runway and on the left side of County Club Road before the rainy season started.

#### **8. Public Comments**

No comments.

#### **9. Executive Session**

No Executive Session

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

No comments.

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

No comments.

#### **12. Future Meetings**

- a. "On the Move with Margaret" 9/8/14 @ 9:15 a.m.
- b. Economic Development Committee 9/8/14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 9/17/14 @ 7:00 p.m.

#### **13. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**