



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 20, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, May 20, 2015, 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
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Scott Cain, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

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

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

2. *Newberry County Service Awards*

Chairman Livingston recognized the following employees for their years of service: Joseph Bickley, Public Works (absent) – 5 years; McKeve Kinard-Shelton, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Rebecca Navarette, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; and Tony Eigner, Sheriff's Office – 15 years.

3. ***Ordinance #04-04-15: An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in an amount not exceeding \$700,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Newberry County, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers, and other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Adams stated that staff would like Council to consider deferring the purchase of the fire truck and using the \$280,000.00 earmarked for the fire truck for upgrades to the simulcast fire service radio system.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

Having received no comments from the public, Chairman Livingston closed the Public Hearing.

4. ***Ordinance #05-11-15: An Ordinance enacting and adopting 2015 S-12 supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Newberry, South Carolina.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #05-11-15; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

5. *Committee Reports*

a. Public Works and Planning 5/11/15

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that the committee met on May 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with the following items discussed:

- Residents from Fox Briar Road and Fox Briar Court requested that this private road be brought into the county system. Staff will be researching options to present to Council and residents.
- 4-H Committee requested the use of the Piedmont Tech parking lot for a Touch a Truck and Soapbox Derby Event. The committee approved with some limitations that there be no metal track vehicles and no children climbing on equipment. Staff is looking at the load rating on the parking lot to make sure there will be no damage.

- Landfill gas extraction project is complete and the system is up and running. We are in the three month start up phase to make sure the system is balanced as it draws the gas from the landfill.
- The Lynches Woods bridges are completed and the park reopened last Friday.
- The mulch grinding facility is being moved back near the new Public Works Complex.
- We are preparing the bids for the site work and concrete pads at the recycling centers.
- Work is progressing on the Public Works storage building.
- Staff will be meeting with our Airport consultants and the SC Aeronautics Commission to utilize the remaining grant fund from the apron project.

6. *Appointments*

Mr. Reeder nominated Mrs. Charlene Caldwell for an appointment to Newberry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

7. *Public Comments (by those who signed up at meeting)*

No comments.

8. *Executive Session*

No Executive Session.

9. *Comments/Request from County Administrator*

No comments.

10. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Mr. Reeder recognized Mrs. Brenda Rodgers who passed away and noted that she was Director of the Voter Registration Office for many years.

Mr. Cain asked everyone to remember all of our fallen heroes during this Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Hipp, Mr. Waldrop, and Mr. Koon asked for remembrance of the Clerk's father who passed recently and was a member of the Armed Forces and Masonic Lodge.

11. Future Meetings

- a. Special Called Public Safety and Courts Committee 5/27/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 6/1/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 6/3/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. "On the Move with Margaret" 6/8/15 @ 9:15 a.m.
- e. Budget Work Session 6/8/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- f. County Council 6/17/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- g. Economic Development Committee 6/22/15 @ 6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council