



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 3, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

ABSENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman (Attending Whitmire Graduation)
Scott Cain, Councilman, (Attending Whitmire Graduation)

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. Adams led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

2. Ordinance #04-08-15: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, and

ending June 30, 2016, for the Newberry County budget for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax and receive revenues; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real property in Newberry County for all county purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Newberry County payable during said fiscal year; to provide for matters relating to Newberry County; and to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year, and to provide for borrowing in anticipation of tax collections by the issuance of one or more tax anticipation notes, if necessary.

Vice Chairman Koon declared this the Public Hearing.

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

3. ***Ordinance #04-09-15: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, for the Newberry County Library, Piedmont Technical College and the Newberry Agency for the Disabilities and Special Needs; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Newberry County for said purposes; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year for said purposes.***

Vice Chairman Koon declared this the Public Hearing.

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

4. ***Ordinance #04-10-15: An Ordinance for the purpose of leasing county property located at 1300 Hunt Street used by the Newberry County Council on Aging (TMS No. 342-2-6-2).***

Vice Chairman Koon declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #04-10-15; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

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

6. Ordinance #06-12-15: 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 one real estate parcel totaling two and twenty-five hundredths (2.25) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 592-46 from Single Family Residential RS-1) to General Commercial (GC).

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #06-12-15; seconded by Mr. Waldrop.

Mrs. Peters identified the 2.25 acre parcel for members of Council as being located on the northern side of Marina Way. The request is to change from RS1, Single Family Residential to GC, General Commercial for the purpose of mini warehouses and boat storage.

Mr. Stockman asked Mrs. Peters if there were any other properties such as this in that area. He thought this area was primarily residential and noted that there were two properties for sale. He asked if the residents had been notified of the rezoning.

Mrs. Peters stated that those people who have abutting properties were notified by mail. There was one individual who inquired; however, when they found out what was being built, they were not concerned.

Mr. Stockman asked if the owner was here and inquired about his plans for a buffer.

Mr. Kenny Livingston approached the podium as stated he was the owner. His plans were to construct air space; a pole shed with a roof for storing campers and boats. He said there will be a wooden privacy fence with a chain link fence all the way around the property with a 30 foot buffer.

Mr. Stockman stated that he had received a few calls from some folks in the area that are concerned. It is not so much what you are planning to put there but they do not want it to be an eyesore. He asked Mr. Livingston if could guarantee that it will be made very presentable. Mr. Stockman said he rode through the area and noted it is mostly residential properties.

Mr. Livingston said he can assure Council that it will be done by the books with a wooden fence; he said his son and grandkids live across the road.

Having received no further discussion, first reading of Ordinance #06-12-15 passed unanimously.

7. Resolution #07-15: A Resolution to ratify and approve Mutual Aid Agreements and/or other Inter-Jurisdictional Agreements entered into by the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve Resolution #07-15; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

8. Consideration of bids for construction of Transfer Station Scale House

Mrs. Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that staff received two (2) bids on May 28, 2015 from Cannon Associates in the amount of \$47,800.00 and W.E. Baker & Son in the amount of \$54,997.00. Staff recommends that the low bid from Cannon Associates be accepted.

Mr. Waldrop shared his concerns about building a structure just so people can ride across and weigh their vehicles.

Mr. Pisano shared that the current facility is an old portable trailer with no air conditioning and has been infested with animals; unfortunately, the transfer station draws feral cats in. We currently have a portable unit cooling the office the quote to replace the HVAC was around \$9,000.00.

Mr. Waldrop indicated that the current facility could be sealed up to prevent the infestation and he could not see spending this kind of money on a building that will be used 5 ½ days a week.

Vice Chairman Koon asked for the dimensions of the building.

Mr. Pisano responded that the building will be a 10 x 32 and will need a toilet facility, room for file storage, and computer access for the scale software.

Mr. Hipp asked about the exterior and interior construction of the building.

Mr. Pisano said it will be a stick building with hardy plank siding, a 15,000 btu HVAC, and it will be handicapped accessible.

Mr. Hipp asked if the ADA compliance was for the employee or for the public.

Mr. Pisano stated he would have to ask Mr. West; he was not 100% sure.

Mr. Waldrop commented that he felt this price was way out of line to build this structure.

Mr. Adams stated that Mr. West, who is out of town, will be at the work session on June 8, 2015 and can speak more to the construction specifications. Council may want to delay this until June 8th in order to have better information.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned that this item needed more study to which Council agreed. No motion or action taken; the Transfer Station Scale House will be discussed further at the work session on June 8, 2015.

9. *Committee Reports*

a. Public Safety and Courts 5/27/15

Mr. Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, reported that the Public Safety and Courts Committee met on May 27, 2015 and five (5) items were on the agenda.

- The committee recommended three amendments for consideration to the upcoming budget: Amendment #1: Increase training for Board of Rural Fire Control; incentive program for volunteers; and increase for fire service software for record keeping. Amendment #2: Incentive program for volunteers on the Board of Rescue Squads. Amendment #3: Incentive program for members of HAZMAT
- Discussion of EMS funding
- Update on simulcast radio system for fire service

10. *Appointments*

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. Keith Suber for an appointment to the Recreation Commission; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

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

No comments.

12. *Executive Session*

No Executive Session.

13. *Comments/Request from County Administrator*

No comments.

14. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

No comments.

15. *Future Meetings*

- a. "On the Move with Margaret" 6/8/15 @ 9:15 a.m.
- b. Budget Work Session 6/8/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 6/17/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Economic Development Committee 6/22/15 @ 6:00 p.m.

16. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council