



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 3, 2013**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 3, 2013, 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  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Scott Cain, Councilman

**PRESS:** Natalie Netzel, 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. Adams led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

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

## 2. Personal Appearances

Chairman Livingston turned the meeting over to the Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. to administer the Oath of Office to Donna Lominack, Auditor and Karen Lindler Smith, Treasurer.

Mrs. Lominack and Mrs. Lindler Smith pledged the following oath:

“I do solemnly swear that I am duly qualified, according to the Constitution of this State, to exercise the duties of the office to which I have been elected, and that I will to the best of my ability, discharge the duties thereof, and preserve and protect and defend the Constitution of this State and of the United States. So help me God.”

3. **Ordinance #06-12-13: 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 three (3.0) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling fifteen (15.0) acres designated as TMS No. 695-44 from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Rural (R2).**

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mrs. Peters identified the parcel on a map and stated that it is located on Hwy. 202. It is currently in the RS1 Single Family Residential zoning district and the proposed rezoning is for R2 Rural

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve third second reading of Ordinance #06-12-13; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Ordinance #06-13-13: 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 four and five tenths (4.5) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling six and one tenth (6.1) acres designated as TMS No. 695-27 from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Rural (R2).**

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mrs. Peters identified the parcel on a map and stated that it is also located on Hwy. 202.

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #06-13-13; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

**5. Ordinance #07-16-13: 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 five and seventy-three hundredths (5.73) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 751-4 from Rural (R2) to Limited Commercial (LC).**

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-16-13; seconded by Mr. Hipp.

Mrs. Peters identified the parcel on a map and stated that it is located at the intersection of Broad River Road and Parr Road. It is currently in the R2 Rural zoning district and is being proposed for rezoning under LC Limited Commercial.

Mrs. Betsy Wicker Homesley, owner of the property, came to the podium and stated that she currently has a guy with a mobile kitchen that sits on the property for breakfast and lunch to sell sandwiches. He is there from 5:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. He does all of his cooking on site and serves the people that are going to and from the nuclear plant. This is all we plan to do on the property.

Mr. Hipp asked if the Limited Commercial zoning would accommodate them if they choose to expand the commercial aspect of the property to a full scale commercial gas station/convenience store.

Mrs. Peters said that they would be able to do a convenience store without a gas station in Limited Commercial.

Mrs. Homesley commented that her son will be living on the property and she was not looking to have a full scale operation on the property like her father did.

Having received no further comments, the vote was unanimous to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-16-13.

**6. Resolution #08-13: A Resolution to ratify and approve the purchase of a Fidelity Bond covering County Officials and Employees of Newberry County.**

Mr. Adams stated that this resolution pertains to a blanket Fidelity Bond for Newberry County employees and officials. The underwriter who formerly had this coverage is no longer offering this kind of coverage. The bond company and insurance agency named in the resolution were selected through a competitive process.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve Resolution #08-13; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**7. Consideration to approve Central SC Alliance 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter (FY12-13) Appropriation in the amount of \$18,000.00.**

Mr. Koon motioned to approve appropriation in the amount of \$18,000.00; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Economic Development Committee 6/24/13**

Mrs. Powers reported that the Economic Development Committee met on June 24, 2013 and the following was presented:

- Central SC Alliance gave their quarterly report.
- The bids for the Spec Building at the Mid Carolina Commerce Park were released last week with the bid opening scheduled for July 30, 2013. Construction should begin around Labor Day and wrapping up in the first quarter of 2014.
- The official certification on the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park has been received.
- The Vision 2015 organizing committee will meet next week to look at the next steps for that group.
- Discussion of marketing trips by Central Alliance, Department of Commerce and Newberry County.

Mr. Hipp commented that there were members of the public present at that committee meeting and that is a good thing; he encouraged public representation and participation.

Chairman Livingston stated that Central SC Alliance was represented at that meeting too.

**9. Appointments**

Mr. Stockman nominated Mr. Mike Chapman for reappointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control representing Little Mountain; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Koon nominated Ms. Gina Long for an appointment to the Board of Rescue Squads representing Prosperity; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Koon nominated Mr. Kevin Atkins for reappointment to the Westview Behavioral Board; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The nomination passed by vote of 5-1; Hipp opposed due to some of the poor decisions made by the board.

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

Mr. Jerry Faulkenburg thanked County Council for all they have done.

**11. Executive Session (if needed)**

No Executive Session.

**12. Comments from County Administrator**

No comments.

**13. Comments/Request from Council Members**

Mr. Hipp welcomed Mr. Adams back from San Francisco. He congratulated both the Auditor and Treasurer and thanked Mr. Caldwell and staff for the improved presentation format that everybody can see now.

Mr. Waldrop wished everybody a happy and safe Independence Day.

Mr. Caldwell reminded everyone that if they have anything that needs to be addressed or discussed for them to come forward.

Mr. Koon congratulated Mrs. Lominack and wished everyone a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He wished Mr. Adams a Happy 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Chairman Livingston congratulated Natalie Netzel who has married since the last meeting.

**14. Future Meetings**

Mr. Adams noted that the Finance Committee scheduled for July 8, 2013 has been cancelled. A work session has been scheduled for July 15, 2013 to discuss the Courthouse and FY13-14 Fund Balance.

**15. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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