



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 1, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 1, 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
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

ABSENT: Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Koon led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda*

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to delete agenda item #5 from the agenda; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

3. *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).*

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Cain motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #06-12-15; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

4. *Ordinance #07-13-15: 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 a two (2.0) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling twenty-one and sixty-six hundredths (21.66) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 588-11 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).*

Mrs. Peters identified the 2.0 acre parcel located on Macedonia Church Road at the intersection of Seibert Road and stated the owners would like for this property to be rezoned from rural to general commercial to accommodate a retail store.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-13-15; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

5. *Consideration of Cost of Living Increase for Elected and Appointed Officials.*

Deleted from agenda.

6. *Committee Reports*

- a. Economic Development – Rick Farmer, Director

Mr. Farmer reported that since the last quarter, he was hired as the Economic Development Director and staff was working on five (5) active projects; two (2) of which are new projects since he was hired seven (7) weeks ago. All of these prospects are looking at the spec building so it should not be denied that it was a good investment as buildings and sites drive prospect visits. The smallest prospect is proposing 30 new jobs and the largest 150 jobs in the automotive and plastic industry. We have been cut from a couple of projects because our sites did not fit the criteria and the general cost was a bit too much. Council has concluded several projects by way of Inducement Resolution on the Metal Masters project and Sea Pro Boats project.

Mr. Farmer shared that he will be attending the Southern Economic Development Council's Annual Conference in Savannah in July and the Area Development Consultants Forum in December. He said he is working in conjunction with the SC Central Alliance to bring some Department of Commerce managers to Newberry County. He noted that DOC is the filter for most projects that come to South Carolina and he would like to get their boots on the ground in Newberry County so they will know just what we have to offer. Mr. Farmer said he has met with several existing businesses and plans to schedule more in the coming months as existing industry typically accounts for 75-90% of project activity in any given county. He also shared the advertising avenues currently in place featuring the I-26 Mega Site and that staff has met with DOC about the future of the Mega Site and they have expressed their support and help to market it for the next 2 ½ years.

Mr. Waldrop thanked Mr. Farmer for the very good report.

Chairman Livingston thanked Mr. Farmer for his efforts and the amount of time he was spending getting his feet on the ground and making all the necessary contacts.

7. *Appointments*

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. Adonis Hill for reappointment to the Airport Commission; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. Bobby Pollard for reappointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mrs. Betty Reeder for reappointment to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. Reggie Wicker for reappointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mrs. Harriett Wells Kegler for reappointment to the Newberry Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. David Abrams for reappointment to the Joint Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. John T. Nichols for reappointment to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mrs. Alma Sullivan for reappointment to the Westview Behavioral Board; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mr. Clarence Chick for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals; seconded Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Mr. Lewis Lee for reappointment to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stockman nominated Mr. Kenneth McBride for an appointment to the Joint Planning Commission; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Ashley Wilson for reappointment to the Airport Commission; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. John Pollard for reappointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Mike Engemann for an appointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mrs. Katy Buchanan for reappointment to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mrs. Shirley Suber for reappointment to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Frank Senn for reappointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mrs. Doricee McMorris for reappointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Larry Watson for an appointment to the Board of Rescue Squads; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Bryan Alvarez for reappointment to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Gregg Taylor for an appointment to the Westview Behavioral Board; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Craig Kesler for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

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

No comments.

9. *Executive Session*

No Executive Session.

10. *Comments/Request from County Administrator*

No comments; Administrator on vacation.

11. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Mr. Waldrop wished everyone a Happy 4th of July.

Mr. Koon concurred with Mr. Waldrop and stated that we needed a good one and “God Bless America”.

12. *Future Meetings*

- a. Finance Committee 7/13/15 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 7/15/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council