



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, December 17, 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
Steve 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**
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

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

Steve Stockman, Councilman, led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Livingston commended Mr. John Caldwell for his long tenure as a County Council Member representing District 7 and acknowledged what he has meant to Newberry County over the past 32 years. On behalf of all members of Council, we have been honored to serve with you. Chairman Livingston extended a big thank you to Mr. Caldwell as he closes out his monumental service to this county and state.

Mr. Caldwell asked his wife, Mrs. Pat Caldwell, to stand and he thanked her for all the support she has given to him through the years.

Chairman Livingston invited everyone to the Retirement Celebration for Mr. Caldwell on January 4, 2015 from 3-5 p.m. at the Firehouse Conference Center.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Newberry County Service Awards

Chairman Livingston recognized the following employees for their years of service: Theresa Dominick, Magistrate's Office (absent) – 5years; Doug Harmon, Public (absent) – 15 years.

4. Resolution #12-14: An Inducement Resolution providing for a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement between Newberry County and Project Speed Racer.

Mr. Adams reported that this Resolution confirms that the county has consented to a Fee In Lieu of Tax Agreement with the company. The agreement will run for a period of 20 years at a fixed millage rate of 381 mils.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Resolution #12-14; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

5. Consideration of bids for Firefighter Equipment – Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator

Mr. Long reported that staff received two bids on the firefighter equipment. One bid from Poseidon in the amount of \$33,384.00 and the other from Anderson Fire and Safety in the amount of \$34,373.75. Both companies met the specs that were sent out and staff would like to move forward with the purchase of this equipment from Poseidon in the amount of \$33,384.00. Mr. Long stated that this was budgeted for \$60,000.00.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve purchase from Poseidon; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

6. Consideration of County Council 2015 Meeting Schedule

Chairman Livingston stated that County Council will meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month and will cancel the August 5th meeting due to the South Carolina Association of Counties Annual Meeting.

Mt. Koon motioned to approve the 2015 County Council meeting schedule; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

7. Consideration of FY 2015/2016 Budget Calendar

Mr. Cain motioned to approve the FY 2015/2016 budget calendar; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

8. Committee Reports

a. Economic Development 12/15/14

Mr. Adams reported that Ms. Powers was representing the county in Atlanta today and he would report out on the committee meeting. He said the Central SC Alliance activity report was discussed and the committee approved recommending to full Council their most recent quarterly invoice. Ms. Powers gave an update on activities pertaining to two conferences; the SEUS Japan Conference and the Area Development Consultant's Forum. The committee received a report on work with the SC Department of Commerce to continue developing and marketing the I-26 Mega Site. The committee also met in Executive Session for two economic development projects and a contract specific to the delivery of economic development and no action was taken in that session.

9. Appointments

No appointments.

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

No comments.

11. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session.

12. Comments/Request from County Administrator

Mr. Adams commented on the long and illustrious career of Mr. Caldwell. He has been a voice of reason in turbulent times and he has been and important policy voice at all times.

13. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

All members of Council thanked Mr. Caldwell for his service and recognized his many contributions over the past 32 years and for being a respected mentor and friend.⁹

Mr. Caldwell shared that he was very appreciative to all the people who helped him along the way. He said he will never forget what has been done for him and hopes that improvements will be made on some of the things he has done.

14. *Future Meetings*

15. *Adjournment*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council