

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 20, 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
Scott Cain, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

PRESS: Cindy Pitts, Newberry Observer
Tammy Kitchen, WKDK

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

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

1. Presentation of Newberry County Service Awards

Chairman Livingston presented the following service awards: Susan Emory, Sheriff's Office (absent) – 5 years; Carol Lively, Clerk of Court's Office – 20 years; Wesley Boland, Sheriff's Office – 20 years; and Charles Wilbanks, Sheriff's Office – 30 years.

2. Ordinance #11-22-12: An Ordinance approving a loan from the South Carolina Public Service Authority to Newberry County, South Carolina, to finance a portion of the cost of a building for economic development purposes; authorizing the execution and delivery of an Intergovernmental Loan Agreement between the South Carolina Public Service Authority and Newberry County and a Promissory Note from Newberry County to the South Carolina Public Service Authority in connection therewith; authorizing the pledge of the full faith, credit and taxing power of Newberry County, South Carolina to secure payment of the note; and other matters relating thereto.

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #11-22-12; seconded by Mr. Cain. The motion passed by vote of 5-2; with Mr. Waldrop and Mr. Koon opposed.

3. **Resolution #03-13: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to the Master Agreement governing the Greenwood-Newberry Industrial Park dated as of December 31, 2012 by and between Newberry County, South Carolina, and Greenwood County, South Carolina, to expand the boundaries of the park to include certain real property located in Newberry County; and other related matters.**

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve Resolution #03-13; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

4. **Consideration of approve Central SC Alliance 3rd Quarter (FY12-13) Appropriation in the amount of \$18,000.00.**

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve Central SC Alliance \$18,000.00 appropriation; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

5. **Appointments**

Mr. Hipp nominated Mr. Bill Floyd for re-appointment to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board. He said he currently serves as chairman and has done an excellent job.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous to re-appoint Mr. Floyd to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Mr. Stockman nominated Mr. Rick Richardson for re-appointment to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and stated he currently serves as treasurer of that board.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous to re-appoint Mr. Richardson to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Mr. Cain nominated Mr. Bill Braswell for re-appointment to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board and commented that he currently serves as vice chairman and serves very well.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous to re-appoint Mr. Braswell to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Mr. Koon nominated Rev. James Williams for re-appointment to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous to re-appoint Rev. Williams to the Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

6. Committee Reports

a. Economic Development – 2/11/13

Ms. Powers reported that the Economic Development Committee met on February 11, 2013, and Mr. Hipp was re-elected as chairman of that committee. The following was addressed:

- Central Alliance gave their quarterly activity update
- Discussion of Industry Appreciation
- Spec building and site certification update at the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park
- Discussion and briefing of the Vision 2015 Project
- Committee met in Executive Session and no action was taken in that session.

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

No comments.

8. Executive Session

Mr. Adams stated that staff request an executive session under Section 30-4-70(a)(5) of the SC Code of Laws to discuss a matter concerning the proposed location or expansion of industry or the provisions of services related to encouraging such location or expansion.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Stockman

[7:10 p.m. – 8:05 p.m.]

Chairman Livingston returned to Open Session.

Mr. Tothacer reported that Newberry County Council went into Executive Session to receive information about an economic development matter and no action was taken in that session.

9. Comments from County Administrator

No comments.

10. Comments/Request from Council Members

Chairman Livingston thanked everyone for their attendance.

11. Future Meetings

- a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee – 2/25/13 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – 3/6/13 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works and Planning Committee – 3/11/13 @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. “On the Move with Margaret” – 3/18/13 @ 9:30 a.m.
- e. County Council – 3/20/13 @ 7:00 –p.m.

12. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council