



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 16, 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
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Chairman Livingston led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

2. ***Newberry County Service Awards***

Chairman Livingston presented the following service awards: Justin Bledsoe, Facilities Management – 5 years (absent); Shannon Byrd, Animal Control – 5 years (absent); Stephen Epps, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Melinda Long, Deputy Auditor – 5 years; and Gerdi Lake, Recreation Director – 10 years.

3. ***Ordinance #04-03-15: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of General Obligation Bonds of Newberry County, South Carolina not exceeding \$1,900,000 in aggregate principal amount, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds of said bonds shall be expended, to provide for the payment of said bonds, and other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Adams reported that a motion will be needed to resend third reading approved on May 6, 2015 of this ordinance because there was no Public Hearing conducted due to no fault of Council but of staff. We will have the Public Hearing tonight and a new third reading.

Mr. Koon motioned to resend the May 6, 2015 third reading of Ordinance #04-03-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #04-03-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

4. ***Resolution #16-15: A Resolution to establish Newberry County Council's Procedures and Criteria for considering and recommending projects to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission for inclusion in the 2016 Sales and Use Tax Ballot Question.***

Mr. Adams reported that this resolution includes the criteria that Council will emphasize in preparing projects for the commissions consideration. Contained in the resolution is a schedule by which Council will undertake its consideration of those projects.

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve Resolution #16-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Consideration to purchase Call Manager Upgrade for 911 System in the amount of \$67,994.43***

Lieutenant Ben Chapman reported that the Sheriff's Office was requesting the purchase of a new call manager system for the entire county. It directs calls, controls voicemail, and allows computers and phones to be linked together. This upgrade will bring the county into compliance with SLED standards. The amount is within the budget and no further money will be needed.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the call manager upgrade in the amount of \$67,994.43; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

6. *Appointments*

a. Capital Project Sales Tax Commissioners

Chairman Livingston noted that the statutory formula states that the municipalities chose three members and County Council chooses three members. The three municipal appointments have been made; they are Lisa Toland, Jimmy Coggins, and Renee Joiner.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was a motion for three people to serve on the CPST Commission.

Mr. Cain motioned that Council appoint Mrs. Pat Caldwell, Mr. Phil Spotts, and Mr. Dave Waldrop as primaries and Mrs. Willie Morris and Dr. Bob McCartha as alternates; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

b. Other Appointments

No appointments.

7. *Committee Reports*

a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations 9/14/15

Ms. Katherine Derrick reported that the Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on September 14, 2015. She stated that Mr. Reeder was elected Chairman for 2015. The committee approved observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 26-27; Christmas Holiday on December 23-25. The committee unanimously recommended Ordinance #08-14-15 and Ordinance #08-15-15 and both will be placed on the October 7th agenda. The committee unanimously recommended a 1% salary increase for countywide Elected and Appointed Officials which will also be placed on the October 7th agenda.

Mr. Koon made note that the 1% was a cost of living increase.

8. Public Comments

No comments.

9. Executive Session (if needed)

No Executive Session.

10. Comments/Request from County Administrator

Mr. Adams commented that as of tomorrow he will have been here for 9 years and it has been a great pleasure working with this Council, the Elected Officials, and the public.

11. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Reeder thanked all county officials for what they do.

Chairman Livingston thanked Mr. Adams for his service and stated that he has led us through some difficult times and we have had nine very successful years during his leadership and by working together with all employees

12. Future Meetings

- a. Council Work Session (Zoning Ordinance) - 9/21/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. Economic Development Committee – 9/28/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Finance Committee – 10/05/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. County Council – 10/07/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council