



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2015**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 21, 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
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, 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: Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer
Samie Truong, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Steve Stockman 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. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Personal Appearances

a. Dr. Sandy Sherrens – Community Christmas Tree

Dr. Sandy Sherrens thanked Council for its past support and made a briefing of this year's plan for the event. She asked that the county consider sponsoring the purchase of a 20 ft. Christmas tree at the \$1,000.00 level and expressed her gratitude of the efforts to continue upgrading the Christmas decorations that will delight our community and represent Newberry County.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve the \$1,000.00 request; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

b. Mrs. Denise Reid – Old Library/Post Office Museum Update

Mrs. Denise Reid presented some history behind the first museums and shared how they have transformed over time to encompass an educational, interactive, and economic development component. Today, museums have grown in terms of numbers and also visitors; 850 million visits each year to American Museums. She said the Newberry Museum will embrace all of these changes and be a wise investment for Newberry County. This is a building of historical importance designed by the famous architect, James Knox Taylor, and this transformation will show government stability and the progress and pride of the people. The museum has already started partnering with groups and we are reaching out to each municipality. She said the Newberry Museum will help raise the profile and quality of life for citizens of Newberry County and for Newberry College. It will be an economic engine for growth and revenue; as culture and history are the competitive edge for every community and a lens for visitors to experience America differently. The museum will act as an information hub to draw visitors into the county to explore all that Newberry County and Newberry College has to offer. She noted that governments which support the arts will find that for every \$1.00 invested in museums or other cultural organizations, there is a \$7.00 return in tax revenues. She reviewed the preliminary plans for the museum and said that this will be a phenomenal legacy that this Council can leave for Newberry County.

4. Ordinance #10-23-15: An Ordinance to provide for the determination of salaries for County Appointed Officials other than those appointed by County Council or the County Administrator, and to provide for the regular evaluation of salaries for such officials.

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-23-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #08-14-15: An Ordinance to provide for the determination of salaries for county elected officials other than members of county council, subsequent to elections, appointments, and special elections pertaining to such offices, and to provide for the regular review of salaries for such offices***

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #08-14-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

6. ***Ordinance #08-15-15: An Ordinance to provide for the progression of salaries for county elected officials other than members of county council, subsequent to elections, appointments, and special elections pertaining to such offices***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #08-15-15; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Ordinance #10-16-15: 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 five and two hundredths (5.02) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-1 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-16-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Ordinance #10-17-15: 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 five and two hundredths (5.02) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-2 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-17-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

9. ***Ordinance #10-18-15: 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 five and five hundredths (5.05) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-3 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-18-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

10. ***Ordinance #10-19-15: 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 five and one hundredths (5.01) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-4 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-19-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

11. ***Ordinance #10-20-15: 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 five and five hundredths (5.05) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-5 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-20-15; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

12. ***Ordinance #10-21-15: 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 five (5.00) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 633-3-6 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-21-15; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

13. ***Ordinance #10-22-15: 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 and fourteen hundredths (2.14) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 472-46 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).***

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-22-15; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

14. *Consideration to Purchase Emergency Services Microwave Simulcast Radio System from Motorola*

Mr. Tommy Long reported that state pricing from Motorola came in for this project in the amount of \$564,438.90 which is under the budgeted amount of \$605,000.00. Staff would like Council to consideration moving forward with this project.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve the pricing from Motorola in the amount of \$564,438.90; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

15. *Appointments*

No appointments.

16. *Committee Reports*

a. Public Safety and Courts 10/19/15

Mr. Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, reported that the Public Safety and Courts Committee met on October 19, 2015, and the following was discussed:

- 800 MGHZ radio system on the 1% CPST funding;
- Repair and maintenance budget for law enforcement and detention center;
- New locking system at jail;
- Removal of proviso for rescue squad capital outlay purchases; and
- Emergency services simulcast radio system.

17. *Public Comments*

No comments.

18. *Executive Session (if needed)*

No Executive Session

19. *Comments/Request from County Administrator*

Mr. Adams noted that as of tomorrow the four busiest recycling centers which are Dixie Road, Bachman Chapel Road, Little Mountain, and Seibert Road will have converted to single stream recycling.

20. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Mr. Reeder commented that he was glad to see the museum moving forward as he is looking for something new for our youth as well as our elderly.

Mr. Hipp said it was good to see a large contingent of people here tonight and voiced his appreciation for everybody's attendance.

Chairman Livingston shared that Mr. Koon was out with an illness tonight and our thoughts and prayers are with him.

21. *Future Meetings*

- a. Magistrate Grievance Hearing 10/27/15 @ 4:00 p.m.
- b. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 11/02/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 11/04/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Finance Committee 11/11/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. County Council 11/18/15 @ 7:00 p.m.
- f. Public Works and Planning Committee 11/23/15 @ 7:00 p.m.

22. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council