



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 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**  
                  **Scott Cain, Vice Chairman**  
                  **Bill Waldrop, Councilman**  
                  **Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman**  
                  **Steve Stockman, Councilman**  
                  **Kirksey Koon, Councilman**  
                  **Travis Reeder, 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.

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

***1. Adoption of Consent Agenda***

Mr. Stockman 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. *Ordinance #01-01-16: An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the transfer of the authority for conducting municipal elections in the City of Newberry to the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission for the conduct of municipal elections in the City of Newberry; to provide for reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission in the conduct of such municipal elections; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.*

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 #01-01-16; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

4. *Ordinance #02-02-16: 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 three (3.0) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 404-35 from General Commercial (GC) to Basic Industrial (BI).*

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #02-02-16; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

5. *Ordinance #02-03-16: 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 fifty-five hundredths (0.55) acre real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-42 from Single Family Residential (RS1) to Rural (R2).*

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #02-03-16; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

**6. Resolution #02-16: A Resolution to Commission Code Enforcement Officers for Newberry County pursuant to the authority granted in Section 4-9-145 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1975, as amended.**

Mr. Adams reported that Newberry County uses this statute to appoint code enforcement officers for building, zoning, and animal control and gives them the authority to write summonses and appear in magistrate's court. This resolution commissions Katrina Bouknight, a new animal control officer.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Resolution #02-16; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

**7. Consideration of Request for Proposals for Forestry Consultant Services at Mid-Carolina Commerce Park.**

Mrs. Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that staff received two responses to the RFP; Major and Company, Inc. and John Frazier, Inc. The evaluation committee gave Major and Company the highest ranking and would like to recommend them for this service.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Major and Company, Inc. for forestry consultant services at Mid-Carolina Commerce Park; seconded by Mr. Koon.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Hipp noted that the two companies were offering their services on a different payment basis and asked how the committee was able to compare this in the selection process. He said it does not seem like we are comparing apples to apples.

Mrs. Waldrop responded that in the solicitation they asked that the company to provide a not to exceed fee for the services.

Mr. Farmer noted that one of the RFP's was non responsive in several different areas and that is why the scores were so divergent.

Mrs. Waldrop said she felt Major and Company was more qualified in the services we were seeking. Major and Company requested 12% of the gross sales and Frazier proposed to negotiate a per ton price once they were awarded the contract.

Chairman Livingston said with Major and Company it will be a sealed bid process which could potentially yield the county more money. With Frazier being an actual logger, he is going to give us prices on what he will give us.

There are not enough facts here to say which one will be the best deal for the county.

Mr. Waldrop asked if the entire 400 acres was going to be thinned or just the frontage.

Mr. Farmer responded that the entire tract will be thinned.

Having received no further discussion, the motion to approve the RFP from Major and Company, Inc. was approved unanimously.

**8. *Consideration to Purchase Twp (2) F250 Ford Trucks for Public Works in the amount of \$57,536.00.***

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that these trucks are being requested to replace two older vehicles; a 2000 Dodge with 157,516 miles and a 2003 Ford F150 with 186,657 miles. The money has already been approved and is in the current budget.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve the purchase of two F250 trucks for Public Works; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**9. *Appointments***

No appointments.

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

No public comments.

**11. *Executive Session (if needed)***

No executive session.

**12. *Comments/Request from County Administrator***

Mr. Adams reminded Council of the follow-up meeting concerning two of the CPST project proposals on February 23, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

**13. *Comments/Request from Council Members***

Mr. Reeder shared that last night was his first experience with the CPST process and he found it very interesting and the discussion responsive.

Chairman Livingston shared that there was a three hour CPST meeting last night with a lot of participation and good projects on the table but unfortunately there are more projects needed than enough money to go around.

**14. *Future Meetings***

- a. Public Works and Planning Committee 2/22/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. Finance Committee 2/29/16 @ 7:00 p.m.

**15. *Adjournment***

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**