



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 18, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, May 18, 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
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

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

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

3. *Newberry County Service Awards*

Chairman Livingston recognized the following employees for their years of service: James Henderson, III, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Jesse Snelgrove, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Matthew Womack, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Deana Linowski, Probate Office (absent) – 10 years; Michael Stribble, Sheriff's Office – 15 years; and Shannon Murphy, Auditor's Office – 20 years.

4. ***Ordinance #04-06-16: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, and ending June 30, 2017, for the Newberry County budget for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax and receive revenues; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real property in Newberry County for all county purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Newberry County payable during said fiscal year; to provide for matters relating to Newberry County; and to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year, and to provide for borrowing in anticipation of tax collections by the issuance of one or more tax anticipation notes, if necessary.***

Chairman Livingston reported that the operating budget for FY 16/17 is balanced at \$23,871,762.00. A budget work session is scheduled for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with third and final reading on June 1, 2016.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

5. ***Ordinance #04-07-16: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, for Newberry County Library, Piedmont Technical College and the Newberry Agency for Disabilities and Special Needs; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Newberry County for said purposes; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year for said purposes.***

Chairman Livingston reported that the community services budget for FY 16/17 is balanced at \$862,262.00. A budget work session is scheduled for May 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. with third and final reading on June 1, 2016.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

6. ***Ordinance #05-10-16: An Ordinance authorizing the execution of an equipment lease-purchase agreement in an amount not exceeding \$710,000 relating to the purchase of certain equipment by Newberry County, authorizing the execution of other necessary documents and papers, and other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Adams reported that since 2010 the county has used lease purchases to acquire heavy rolling stock for Emergency Services and Public Works. This ordinance provides for the annual lease purchase for the equipment we will purchase this year and the remaining amortization of those we have purchased in years prior.

Vice Chairman Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #05-10-16; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Resolution #10-16: A Resolution consenting to the conversion of Pioneer Frozen Foods South Carolina, Inc. to Pioneer Frozen Foods South Carolina, LLC and authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to the fee agreement and related documents between Pioneer Frozen Foods South Carolina, Inc. and Newberry County, South Carolina reflecting such conversion.***

Mr. Adams reported that this does not change anything about the substance of the fee agreement it only reflects the company's new structure as an LLC.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve Resolution #10-16; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Appointments***

No appointments.

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

No comments.

10. ***Executive Session***

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION [7:13 p.m. – 7:54 p.m.]

Mr. Waldrop motioned to return to Open Session; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston reported that the evaluation of Wayne Adams, County Administrator and Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council, was completed in Executive Session. The overall consensus is that both are doing an exemplary job and Council is appreciative of what they do.

11. *Comments/Request from County Administrator*

No comments.

12. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Mr. Reeder reminded everyone of the Pomaria Reunion and Helena Mayfest events on Saturday and encouraged folks to go and visit.

Chairman Livingston shared that the Taste of Newberry will be held on Friday also.

Mr. Koon remembered Mr. Otto Morris who passed away. He served as a Deputy Sheriff in Newberry County.

Chairman Livingston thanked Council for carrying on without him at the last two meetings. He said he opted to be a father and attend his son Derek's last season of baseball.

13. *Future Meetings*

- a. Budget Work Session – 5/23/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – 6/1/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. On the Move with Margaret – 6/13/16 @ 9:00 a.m.
- d. County Council – 6/15/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. Economic Development Committee – 6/20/16 @ 7:00 p.m.

14. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council