



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, June 15 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
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council

ABSENT: Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Scott Cain, Vice Chairman
Kirksey Koon, Councilman

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

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. Adoption of Consent Agenda

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

2. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

3. ***Personal Appearances***

- a. Keith Avery, CEO, Newberry Electric Cooperative - Presentation

Mr. Avery reported that it gives him much pleasure to be able to do something good for the residents of Newberry County. He said each year the Newberry Electric Coop Board of Directors has the option of what to do with utility tax credits and they voted to extend this money to the county to be used for economic development. He presented a check in the amount of \$135,731.00 to Les Hipp, Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and Rick Farmer, Director of Economic Development.

Chairman Livingston stated that NEC has always done a lot for Newberry County and he thanked Mr. Avery for all of their support.

4. ***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.***

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #05-10-16; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #05-09-16: An Ordinance to impose a one percent sales tax, subject to a referendum, within Newberry County pursuant to the Capital Project Sales Tax Act; to define the specific purposes and designate the projects for which the proceeds of the tax may be used; to provide the maximum time for which the tax may be imposed; to provide the maximum cost of the projects or facilities funded from the proceeds to be raised by the tax, subject to funding cost overruns as provided by law; to provide for a county-wide referendum and to concur in the contents of the ballot question in such referendum; to establish the priority in which the proceeds of the tax are to be expended; to authorize the issuance of General Obligation Bonds of Newberry County, subject to such referendum, to defray costs of projects and issuance costs; to provide for the conduct of such referendum; to provide for the administration of the tax; to provide for the payment of the tax; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #05-09-16; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinance#06-11-16: An Ordinance amending and revising Zoning Ordinance No. 12-24-01, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #06-11-16; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

7. Appointments

No appointments.

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

No comments.

9. Executive Session

No Executive Session.

10. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Reeder requested prayer for all the people in Orlando. He wished everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July.

Mr. Stockman thanked his constituents for allowing him to serve another term as their councilman. He said it is an honor and privilege and he will continue to work very hard for the taxpayers.

Mr. Hipp congratulated Mr. Stockman.

Chairman Livingston wished everyone safe travels during the summer.

11. Future Meetings

- a. Economic Development Committee – 6/20/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – 7/06/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Public Safety and Courts Committee – 7/11/16 @ 5:00 p.m.
- d. County Council – 7/20/16 @ 7:00 p.m.

14. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Cain declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council