



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JULY 20, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 20, 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  
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Kirksey Koon, Councilman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council

**ABSENT:** Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Vice Chairman Cain led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

***1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda***

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

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

Chairman Livingston thanked and presented service awards to the following employees: Grallin Bullard, Public Works – 10 years; Keith Suber, Public Works – 10 years; and Amelia Shields (absent), Probate – 15 years.

3. ***Personal Appearances***

a. Christy Pomeroy – Community Christmas Tree Sponsorship

Mrs. Pomeroy reported on the decorations that have been purchased in past years to enhance downtown Newberry during the holiday season and this year's plan to add pre-lite garland around light poles at three intersections on Main Street and adding sting lights to the maple trees in Astwood Park. She asked the county to consider sponsoring the Community Christmas Tree once again at the \$1,000.00 level.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve \$1,000.00; seconded by Mr. Cain.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Koon commented that this is the fourth time this has been brought before Council and he is not in favor of donating county funds to special interest groups. He felt county funds should go to support public safety, public works, upkeep of county property and administrative costs. For this reason, he said he cannot support using county funds for this purpose but can give a personal donation.

Having received no further discussion, the motion to approve \$1,000.00 for the Community Christmas Tree was approved by 4-1 vote; with Mr. Koon opposed.

4. ***Ordinance #07-12-16: 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 two and thirty-nine hundredths (2.39) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling fifty three (53.0) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 55-1-1-3 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).***

Mr. Koon motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #07-12-16; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #07-13-16: 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 one (1) real estate parcel totaling three and four tenths (3.4) acres designated as TMS No. 404-41 from Light Industrial (LI) to Single Family Residential (RS3).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #07-13-16; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

6. ***Ordinance #07-14-15: : 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 portion of real estate parcel which comprises a total two and two tenths (2.20) acres (Parcels B and C) designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-2 from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to Single Family Residential (RS3).***

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #07-14-16; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Ordinance #07-15-16: An Ordinance to create the Fox Briar Subdivision Special Tax District.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #07-15-15; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Consideration of Central SC Alliance 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Invoice (FY16/17) in the amount of \$18,000.00.***

Rick Farmer, Director of Economic Development, reported that Newberry County would be at a tremendous disadvantage not being in an alliance as there are only two counties in the state who are not members. He communicated how Central SC Alliance has supported him and economic development efforts in Newberry County and recommended a continued partnership with them.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve Central's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter invoice; seconded by Mr. Cain.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Koon shared that as in the past, he cannot support giving Central Alliance \$72,000.00 a year. For the past 7 ½ years that he has been on council they have not brought any industry into our county. He felt if he were a car salesman or real estate agent and had not sold anything in 7 ½ years that he would be fired.

Mr. Hipp said he understood and agreed with Mr. Koon that there has not been much obvious progress made. On the other hand, the Department of Commerce, the major marketer of properties for major industries in South Carolina, has stressed the need for counties to be a part of an alliance. We have researched other available options and Central is our only option other than not belonging to an alliance at all. Central SC Alliance does a lot in marketing and offers assistance to our economic development director. He felt we needed to continue being a part of this alliance if we wanted the support of the SC Department of Commerce.

Mr. Koon responded that he would hope the SC Department of Commerce would support us regardless of whether we are members of an alliance or not and he assumed that they are supporting the other two counties in the state that are not members of an alliance.

Having received no further comments, the motion to approve Central's 1<sup>st</sup> quarter invoice was passed by vote of 4-1; with Mr. Koon opposed.

**9. *Appointments***

Chairman Livingston nominated Mrs. Bonelle Yarborough for reappointment to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

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

No comments.

**11. *Executive Session***

No Executive Session.

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

No comments.

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

Mr. Koon recognized Mr. Eargle who has not attended Council meetings recently due to some medical issues. He welcomed him back and said he was missed.

Mr. Hipp said there has been some turmoil in our country since we last met and he was happy to say that Newberry County has not had to deal with these issues. He said the Sheriff's Office and City Police Department do a great job and our community in general respects and honors people; we are blessed.

Chairman Livingston welcomed Mr. Roger Eargle back.

**14. *Future Meetings***

- a. County Council – 8/3/16 – **NO MEETING – SCAC Annual Conf.**
- b. County Council – 8/17/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works and Planning Committee – 8/22/16 @ 7:00 p.m.

**15. *Adjournment***

Vice Chairman Cain declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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