



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, November 16, 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
 Kirksey Koon, Councilman
 Steve Stockman, 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**

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Wayne Adams led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. *Adoption of Consent Agenda*

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve 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 Vice Chairman Cain. The vote was unanimous.

3. *Newberry County Service Awards*

Chairman Livingston thanked and presented the following employees with Service Awards: Lori Smith, Zoning – 5 years; Theresa Ammons, Sheriff's Office – 10 years; Lisa Davis, Sheriff's Office – 10 years; Beth Mayner, Delinquent Tax – 10 years; Sherri Williams, Sheriff's Office – 10 years; Harold Edgins, Public Works – 15 years; Johnny Willis, Public Works – 15 years(absent); and Thomas Nichols – Sheriff's Office – 25 years.

Mr. Koon said that Tommy Nichols not only made his 25 years but he will be retiring next week from the Sheriff's Office. He followed in his father's footsteps; a State Highway Patrolman.

4. *Personal Appearances*

a. Kenneth McBride, DSS Director

Mr. McBride gave an overview of the mission and accomplishments of the Department of Social Services in Newberry County over the past year.

Mr. Reeder said that Mr. McBride does a great job and said he personally works well with him and his team. They are always there for the school district and he appreciates what they do for Newberry County.

Mr. McBride thanked and introduced his key staff members present at the meeting.

Chairman Livingston stated that Council has been very impressed with Mr. McBride since his arrival to our county. Your team has worked to make our DSS program the best it has ever been and thanked him for his quality leadership.

Chairman Livingston thanked the foster parents throughout our community and felt there was no greater service than those willing to take someone into their home.

Mr. McBride said this is by far the best county he has ever worked in and is why he calls Newberry home.

5. *Resolution #17-16: A Resolution to declare the results of a Referendum held in Newberry County, South Carolina on November 8, 2016.*

Mr. Adams reported that this Resolution certifies the results of the Capital Project Sales Tax Referendum held on November 8, 2016.

Vice Chairman Cain motioned to approve Resolution #17-16; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

6. *Resolution #18-16: A Resolution Honoring Newberry Community Choirs.*

Mr. Adams read Resolution #18-16 into the record:

“WHEREAS, the Newberry Community Choir has provided entertainment through two fully staged productions each year during the Easter and Christmas seasons; and

WHEREAS, the Choir, under the direction and support of Mary Ann D. Hayes, has recently decided to curtail the full productions after a quarter-century of semi-annual performances; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Hayes is to be recognized for her selfless service and efforts over the past twenty-five years since this will be Mrs. Hayes’ last time directing the fully staged production; and

WHEREAS, the Choir members are planning to continue as a choir but in a more informal and less staged settings.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES THE NEWBERRY COMMUNITY CHOIR AND MRS. MARY ANN D. HAYES FOR THE MANY PERFORMANCES PROVIDED OVER THE PAST QUARTER OF A CENTURY.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy of this Resolution shall be presented to the Newberry Community Choir.

AND IT IS SO RESOLVED this 16th day of November, 2016”

Mr. Bill Ehney, choir member present, gave an update on the choirs’ future performances and thanked Council for the recognition.

7. *Appointments*

Chairman Livingston nominated Bonnelle Yarborough to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

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

No comments.

9. *Executive Session*

- a. §30-4-70(a)(5) SC Code of Laws: Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by the public body regarding Project Apollo II.

Vice Chairman Cain motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hipp mentioned that his successor was here and asked if the Chairman felt it appropriate for her to be invited into Executive Session for this transition.

Chairman Livingston stated that until the Oath of Office and due to confidentiality reason, this has not been typically allowed.

Mrs. Rucker concurred with Chairman Livingston.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: [7:30 P.M. – 8:15 P.M.]

Mr. Adams reported that Council met in Executive Session for the purpose stated and no action was taken in that session.

10. Comments/Request from County Administrator

No comments.

11. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Reeder wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Mr. Waldrop wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Chairman Livingston dittoed Mr. Reeder and Mr. Waldrop's statements. He recognized those individuals in attendance who offered their names for candidacy on the state and local lever. He said whether you won or lost, your willingness to serve is to be commended. He thanked the local candidates for running a campaign based off of merit and self value rather than false information. He congratulated Mrs. Rucker for her seat on County Council and said he looked forward to working with her.

12. Future Meetings

- a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 11/21/16 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. Finance Committee 12/5/16 @ 5:00 p.m.
- c. Economic Development Committee 12/5/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. County Council 12/7/16 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. On the Move with Margaret 12/12/16 @ 9:00 a.m.
- f. County Council 12/21/16 – **NO MEETING**

Mr. Waldrop motioned to move County Council meeting from December 7th to December 14th; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council