



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 18, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 18, 2017, 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  
Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Scott Cain, 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.

Chairman Livingston led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; second by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**2. Newberry County Service Awards**

Chairman Livingston presented the following service awards: Maggie Mills, Clerk of Court's Office – 10 years; Randel Abrams, Jr., Sheriff's Office – 20 years; Sheila

Bannister, Sheriff's Office – 20 years (absent); Ben Chapman, Sheriff's Office – 20 years; and Donna Lominack, Auditor – 40 years (absent).

**3. *Personal Appearances***

- a. Mary Dell Hayes, Executive Director, Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

Ms. Hayes distributed the Annual Report and reported that they have been serving Newberry County for 25 years providing vital services to members of the community who have experienced sexual trauma. She said they have opened a full time office on Main St. with a full time therapist and have formed partnerships with local schools providing violence prevention education targeting middle and high school aged youth. She thanked Council for its support and investment and encouraged feedback for continued growth of services in the county.

Chairman Livingston thanked Ms. Hayes for the services they provide to the citizens of Newberry County.

- 4. *Ordinance #12-18-16: : 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 and further revised and amended by Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16 to be codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone a four and nine hundredths (4.09) acres portion of a fifteen (15.0) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 397-91 from General Commercial (GC) to Industrial (IND).***

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-18-16; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

- 5. *Ordinance #12-19-16: An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Tax and Incentive Agreement by and between Newberry County, South Carolina, and [Project Apollo II], to provide for a Fee In Lieu Of Ad Valorem Taxes Incentive, the grant of infrastructure credits, the transfer of certain property, and other matters related thereto.***

Mr. Adams reported that this ordinance pertains to MM Technics, Inc. which will be establishing its first North American plant in Newberry County. They make stamped metal parts for the BMW X5 and will eventually serve other automotive companies as they do in Europe. He reviewed the incentives offered to the company.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #12-19-16; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**6. *Ordinance #01-01-17: An Ordinance to provide for the determination of salaries for countywide elected officials, and to provide for the annual review of salaries for such offices.***

Mr. Adams reported that this ordinance pertains to the administration of salaries for six (6) countywide elected officials; the Sheriff, Clerk of Court, Treasurer, Auditor, Coroner and Probate Judge. The ordinance provides for the annual review of these salaries each May and Council may decide on an array of options for increasing the salaries; however, if no action is taken, the default position is the salaries will increase by the CPI for the prior twelve (12) month period. Mr. Adams noted that this ordinance also contains the salary progression for newly elected officials.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #01-01-17; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**7. *Consideration to purchase Tandem Dump Truck in the amount of \$106,360.14 for Public Works***

Mike Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that this request is to replace a 1995 Mack truck with 269,000 miles. The purchase has been budgeted for and is funded by Lease Purchase.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve purchase of dump truck in the amount of \$106,360.14; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**8. *Consideration of bids for Newberry Square Flex Space Renovations***

Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that staff received three (3) bids on January 12, 2017; RJ Dean Construction in the amount of \$117,000.00, Cannon Associates in the amount of \$122,569.00, and Smith Constructors in the amount of \$153,000.00 and staff recommends the low bid from RJ Dean Construction in the amount of \$117,000.00.

Mr. Waldrop commented that County Council tries to make sure that we use local companies but was unsure of the local preference.

Mrs. Waldrop responded that there is a 2% local preference; this falls outside of that.

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve low bid in the amount of \$117,000.00 from RJ Dean Construction; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous.

## **9. County Council Committee Appointments**

Chairman Livingston appointed the following to each County Council Committee:

Public Works and Planning Committee	Bill Waldrop Scott Cain Steve Stockman
Economic Development Committee	Buddy Livingston Steve Stockman Scott Cain Dr. Harriett Rucker
Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee	Travis Reeder Kirksey Koon Scott Cain
Public Safety and Courts Committee	Kirksey Koon Bill Waldrop Dr. Harriett Rucker
Finance Committee	Buddy Livingston Travis Reeder Bill Waldrop

## **10. Appointments**

No appointments.

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

No comments.

## **12. Executive Session**

No executive session.

## **13. Comments/Request from County Administrator**

No comments.

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

Vice Chairman Koon recognized Mr. Ted Willingham who passed away this week. He was a good friend to the city and county of Newberry.

**15. *Future Meetings***

- a. Public Safety and Courts Committee – 1/23/17 @ 5:00 p.m.
- b. Governmental Association Meeting – 1/30/17 @ 6:30 p.m. – Town of Little Mountain
- c. County Council – 2/1/17 @ 7:00 p.m.

**16. *Adjournment***

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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