



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, February 15, 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  
Bill Waldrop, Councilman  
Steve Stockman, Councilman  
Scott Cain, Councilman  
Travis Reeder, Councilman  
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman  
Wayne Adams, County Administrator  
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman

**MEDIA:** Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Steve Stockman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Livingston requested that item #8 be moved to item #1a.

Mr. Reeder motioned to adopt the agenda as amended; second by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

***1a. A Proclamation Recognizing Mr. Thomas K. Perry.***

Mr. Adams read the Proclamation into the record:

***“WHEREAS***, Mr. Thomas K. Perry has served as a vocal and active advocate for youth in Newberry County for decades; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Perry brought together the Newberry Coalition on Underage Drinking from its infancy to its current structure which includes involvement by approximately 50 local community members; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Perry pursued and secured \$125,000 in renewable grant funding to sustain the Coalition’s efforts to reduce substance use among the young people of Newberry County; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Perry and the Coalition have organized Cultivating Community workshops across the county to bring together service organizations and facilitate services to Newberry County citizens; and

***WHEREAS***, Mr. Perry conceived of and coordinated the Carolinas Youth Leadership Initiative which trained 100 youth leaders from North and South Carolina in alcohol and other drug prevention techniques and is serving as a model for future such events;

***WHEREAS***, Newberry County Council wishes to recognize Tom Perry for his dedication to our county and calls upon the people of Newberry to extend their appreciation for his service as well.

***NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED***, that this Proclamation shall be published in the official minutes of the Newberry County Council and a framed copy presented to Tom Perry.

***AND IT IS SO RESOLVED*** this 15th day of February, 2017.”

Chairman Livingston made the presentation to Mr. Perry and thanked him for the lives he has touched and saved through his work.

***2. 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.***

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #01-01-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

3. ***Ordinance #02-06-17: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 12-24-01 as revised and amended by Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, to be codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances establishing zoning classification and districts, so as to rezone one real estate parcel totaling one and forty three hundredths (1.43) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 523-28, from Single Family Residential (RS) to General Commercial (GC).***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #02-06-07; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

4. ***Ordinance #02-07-17: An Ordinance to provide for the issuance and sale of a not exceeding one million nine hundred thousand dollar (\$1,900,000) General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of Newberry County, South Carolina, to prescribe the purposes for which the proceeds shall be expended, to provide for the payment thereof, to provide for the issuance and sale of not exceeding nineteen million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$19,800,000) General Obligation Bonds of Newberry County, South Carolina, and other matters relating thereto.***

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #02-07-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #02-08-17: An Ordinance amending Ordinance Number 04-06-16, the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, to appropriate additional funding for economic development and other purposes.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #02-08-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

Mr. Adams reported that this Ordinance pertains to ten (10) spending items that total \$909,419.00; 92.7% for economic development expenditures, 4.3% for repair of equipment/replacement of materials, and the remaining 3% has to do with compliance with state regulations. No new tax revenue is required for this as the entire amount will be funded through unobligated fund balance.

Having received no discussion, the vote was unanimous to approve first reading of Ordinance #02-08-17

6. ***Resolution #02-07: A Resolution to Commission Code Enforcement Officer for Newberry County pursuant to the authority granted in Section 4-9-145 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976 as amended.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Resolution #02-07; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Resolution #03-07: A Resolution Honoring Carl Edwards, Jr.***

Mr. Adams read Resolution #03-07 into the record:

***“WHEREAS***, Carl “C.J.” Edwards, Jr., was born in Newberry in 1991, and is a lifelong resident of Prosperity and a graduate of Mid-Carolina High School; and

***WHEREAS***, C.J. was drafted by the Texas Rangers in the 45<sup>th</sup> round of the 2011 Major League Baseball draft; and

***WHEREAS***, he subsequently played minor league professional baseball with various clubs, including the Spokane Indians, Arizona League Rangers, Hickory Crawdads, Tennessee Smokies, and Daytona and Iowa Cubs, and was named Minor League Baseball Pitcher of the Year for the 2013 season; and

***WHEREAS***, on September 7, 2015, C.J. made his Major League debut against the St. Louis Cardinals, and on September 1, 2016 earned his first save against the San Francisco Giants; and

***WHEREAS***, C.J. played in three World Series games with the Cubs in October 2016 and recorded the first two outs in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning of the series-clinching victory for the Cubs’ first World Series win in 108 years.

***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL HEREBY RECOGNIZES CARL “C.J.” EDWARDS, JR., FOR HIS OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL, AND FOR BEING A POSITIVE REFLECTION ON THE COUNTY OF NEWBERRY.***

***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 Carl “C.J.” Edwards.

***AND IT IS SO RESOLVED*** this 8th day of February, 2017.”

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve Resolution #03-07; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston expressed how proud he was of CJ, a former student of his. He said CJ was unable to be here tonight because he had to fly to Arizona for spring training so the Resolution was presented to him on Friday.

8. ***A Proclamation Recognizing Mr. Thomas K. Perry***

Moved to item #1a.

9. ***Consideration of awarding Design Work for the following CPST Projects to Johnson, Laschober & Associates, P.C., Architects/Engineers.***

- Town of Whitmire – Town Hall/Police Department Remodel/Upgrades
- Town of Pomaria – Old Pomaria School Building Renovation

- Town of Little Mountain – Computer Center and Library Upgrades
- City of Newberry – Opera House

Mrs. Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that bids were solicited on November 17, 2017, and we only received one (1) response from Johnson, Laschober & Associates and staff recommends them for the projects.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Johnson, Laschober & Associates for the projects; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**10. Consideration of Requests for Qualifications for the following CPST Project (Water Supply Improvements for Consolidated Fire District)**

Mr. Adams reported that there was a question at the last meeting of whether an engineering firm could add sufficient value to this project and his advice is they can. He said it was generous and well intentioned for someone to volunteer to supervise the project but by doing so would place the county and the volunteer in an unfair and potentially adverse situation. Mr. Adams went over the key elements that warranted the use of an engineering firm and recommended that Council award this project to HDR/ICA, the highest ranked firm.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve RFQ from HDR/ICA; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**11. Appointments**

No appointments.

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

Mickey Suber approached the podium and explained that he had visited the Zoning Office to inquire about regulations for tiny houses (under 500 sq. ft.) which is a new thing going around the country; however, it does not fit into the zoning regulations that the county has in place. He said his understanding is that right now it is not legal; it can be permitted to be built but not permitted to live in. He asked if there was a way to begin the process of having this written into the current zoning regulations.

Mr. Adams said this was something that was probably coming and this is a reasonable request if Council would like to instruct staff to explore it.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to instruct staff to explore tiny houses in the zoning regulations; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Adams asked Mr. Suber to give his contact information to Anne Peters so she can keep him informed on this topic if he cares to be present.

**13. Executive Session**

No executive session.

**14. Comments/Request from Administrator**

No Comments.

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

Mr. Reeder thanked everyone for the phone calls, letters, and cards during his recent recovery from surgery.

Chairman Livingston stated that Vice Chairman Koon was out with medical issues tonight. He also asked that Senator Cromer's family be in thoughts and prayers due to the loss of his mother.

**16. Future Meetings**

- a. Finance Committee 2/27/17 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 3/1/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations 3/6/17 @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. "On the Move with Margaret" 3/13/17 @ 9:00 a.m.
- e. County Council 3/15/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- f. Economic Development 3/27/17 @ 7:00 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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