



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 1, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, March 1, 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
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

MEDIA: **Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer**

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order.

Bill Waldrop led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. *Adoption of Consent Agenda*

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

2. *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda*

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

3. *Personal Appearances*

a. Voices for Pride Officers (NCDSN) – Disabilities Awareness Day at State House

Connie Coleman addressed Council and shared that today's events at the State House has been renamed "Community Engagement Day" because they would like people in the community to be involved with people with disabilities. She said people with disabilities would like jobs and the opportunity to live in the community just as well as normal people without disabilities. She thanked County Council for its support and invited everyone to the Art Show on March 8, 2017, from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Pride Center.

Mr. Adams read the Proclamation declaring March 2017 as Disabilities Awareness Month in Newberry County into the record:

“WHEREAS, more than 500,000 South Carolina citizens and families are impacted by severe lifelong disabilities, with no distinction as to race, culture, geography, age, sex or economic class; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs serves people with severe lifelong physical and intellectual disabilities, including autism, traumatic brain injury, and spinal cord injury; and

WHEREAS, the Newberry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board works with families to provide support services which promote economic self-sufficiency and independence; and

WHEREAS, people with lifelong disabilities are productive citizens, neighbors, and family members deserving of respect and opportunities for economic self-sufficiency, independence and personal growth; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 statewide observance of Disabilities Awareness Month celebrates the successful partnership between people with and without disabilities and the increasing involvement of people with disabilities in education, employment and community activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL, does hereby proclaim March, 2017, as

DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH IN NEWBERRY COUNTY

and encourages our citizens to work together to promote increased opportunities for people with disabilities; to recognize the many contributions they make to our community; and to honor the dedication of the caregivers who bring support and hope to their fellow citizens

ADOPTED by Newberry County Council in meeting duly assembled in Newberry, South Carolina, this 1st day of March, 2017.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Proclamation; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston presented Ms. Coleman with a copy of the Proclamation and thanked her for making the county proud and he commended all to the care givers for all they do in support of this agency.

4. ***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).***

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 #02-06-07; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***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.***

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

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

6. ***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 second reading of Ordinance #02-08-17; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

7. *Appointments*

No appointments.

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

Chris Johnson with Rescue Squad Station #14 approached Council and distributed a draft version of the 5 year plan for information purposes and said he was available to answer any questions Council may have.

Chairman Livingston thanked Mr. Johnson and all rescue squad volunteers for their participation.

9. *Executive Session*

No executive session.

10. *Comments/Request from Administrator*

Mr. Adams commented that staff is closing in on a balanced budget to present to Council and planning meetings have begun on all of the CPST projects.

11. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Dr. Rucker shared that she was delighted to have staff and clients of the NCDSN present tonight.

Mr. Reeder dittoed Dr. Rucker's statement.

12. *Future Meetings*

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

13. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council