



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MAY 17, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

PRESENT: Kirksey Koon, Vice Chairman
Scott Cain, Councilman
Steve Stockman, Councilman
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

ABSENT: Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman
Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Vice Chairman Koon called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Reeder led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice Chairman Koon welcomed everyone in attendance and shared that Mr. Waldrop was out of town and the administrator and chairman are in South Korea on an economic development trip.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Consent agenda inadvertently skipped. Will be presented on June 7, 2017 Agenda.

2. *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda*

Mr. Reeder motioned to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Dr. Rucker. The vote was unanimous.

3. *Newberry County Service Awards*

Vice Chairman Koon recognized the following employees for years of service: Mary Arrowood, Assessor (absent) – 10 years; Shawn Carnes, Sheriff's Office 15 years; John Cearley, Sheriff's Office – 10 years; Paula Dominick Sheriff's Office – 30 years; Wanda Hill, Human Resource Director (absent) – 10 years; James Palmer, Sheriff's Office, 10 years; and Casey Rembisz, Sheriff's Office -15 years.

4. *Ordinance #03-10-17: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, for the Newberry County budget for county ordinary purposes and for other county purposes for which the county may levy a tax and receive revenues; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real property in Newberry County for all county purposes, including sufficient tax to pay the principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness of Newberry County payable during said fiscal year; to provide for matters relating to Newberry County; and to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year, and to provide for borrowing in anticipation of tax collections by the issuance of one or more tax anticipation notes, if necessary.*

Jay Tothacer, County Attorney, reported that the budget is balance at \$23,911.852.00 and there are no changes.

Vice Chairman Koon declared this the Public Hearing.

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

5. *Ordinance #03-11-17: An Ordinance to provide appropriations for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, for Newberry County Library, Piedmont Technical College and the Newberry Agency for Disabilities and Special Needs; to provide for the levy of taxes on all taxable personal and real estate properties in Newberry County for said purposes; to provide for the expenditure of said taxes and other revenues received by the county during said fiscal year for said purposes.*

Jay Tothacer, County Attorney, reported that the community services budget increase slightly over the current year's budget and is balanced at \$899,193.00 and there are no changes.

Vice Chairman Koon declared this the Public Hearing.

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

6. **Ordinance #05-13-17: 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. 6-11-16, to be codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances establishing zoning classifications and districts, so as to rezone a three (3.0) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 450-8 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).**

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #05-13-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

7. *Ordinance #05-14-17: 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. 6-11-16, to be codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances establishing zoning classifications and districts, so as to rezone a ten (10.0) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling one hundred and forty eight and eight tenths (148.8) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 450-13 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).*

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #05-14-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

8. ***Resolution #05-17: A Resolution to ratify and approve Mutual Aid Agreements and/or other Inter-Jurisdictional Agreements entered into by the Newberry County Sheriff's Office.***

Mr. Tothacer reported that this resolution is a Mutual Aid Agreement between the Newberry County Sheriff's Office and Aiken County Sheriff's Office

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve Resolution #05-17; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

9. **Resolution #06-17:** Fair Housing Resolution.

Mr. Tothacer read Resolution #06-17 into the record:

“WHEREAS, Newberry County desires that all its citizens be afforded the opportunity to attain a decent, safe, and sound living environment; and

WHEREAS, Newberry County rejects discrimination on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, disability and/or familial status in the sale, rental, or provision of other housing services; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina enacted the South Carolina Fair Housing Law in 1989; and

WHEREAS, April is recognized nationally as Fair Housing Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Newberry County hereby designated April 2017 as Fair Housing Month.

ADOPTED, by Newberry County Council in meeting duly assembled this 17th day of May 2017, at which a quorum was present and voting.”

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve Resolution #06-17; seconded by Dr. Rucker. The vote was unanimous.

10. **Consideration of Centralized Location for Tires, White Goods, and Electronics**

Mr. Pisano, Public Works Director, reported that the county has seen a 70% increase in tires, white goods and electronics from 2014-2016. Staff would like to start a pilot program for tires by having them brought to the Transfer Station on Hwy. 34 as the centralized location to eliminate double handling. Hours may have to be adjusted to accommodate all the residents. He said if the pilot program works well, we will consider moving in the white goods, scrap metal and electronics. The Public Works and Planning Committee recommended that this come before full Council for consideration.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve centralized location for receiving of tires; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

Mr. Stockman asked Mr. Pisano if there was going to be a trial period.

Mr. Pisano responded that staff would like to try it and evaluate before it is rolled out. He would like to have a public education campaign with some radio and newspaper ads and post at all sites so it is not a surprise. We can set up a time period for evaluation as long as Council would like; whether it be 90 days or 120 days.

Mr. Cain said we should not set a time limit but go with it and come back at some point if needed if it is not working out.

Having received no further discussion, the vote was unanimous.

11. *Appointments*

No appointments.

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

Mr. Tom Crooks said that he spoke with Tommy Long and Barry Richardson and an ISO representative will be coming in two to three weeks so it looks like they have the problem solved.

13. *Executive Session (if needed)*

No Executive Session

14. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Mr. Reeder asked for prayers for the family of Clarence Chick who passed away. He congratulated all graduates from Whitmire, Newberry and Mid-Carolina and wished them successful careers as they move to another stage of their lives.

Mr. Cain wished everyone a safe and good Memorial Day weekend and remembrance to all fallen veterans that have given us the freedom to do what we do every day.

15. *Future Meetings*

- a. Budget Work Session 5/31/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 6/7/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. "On the Move with Margaret" 6/12/17 @ 9:00 a.m.
- d. Economic Development Committee 6/19/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- e. County Council 6/21/17 @ 7:00 p.m.

16. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council