



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JUNE 7**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, June 7, 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
Scott Cain, Councilman
Steve Stockman, 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 at 7:00 p.m.

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

1. *Adoption of Consent Agenda*

Mr. Cain motioned to adopt consent agenda; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

2. *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda*

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

3. ***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.***

Mr. Adams reported that the operating budget is balance at \$23,966,890.00 with seven amendments presented for consideration.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #03-07-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

AMENDMENT #1: Increase poll workers' pay by \$20.00 for the June 2018 primary with an estimated cost of \$3,000.00.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve Amendment #1; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT #2: Insert \$500,000.00 of lease-purchase funding for rolling stock equipment for emergency services.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Amendment #2; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT #3: Issue bonded indebtedness in the amount of \$1,250,000.00 to finance Capital Projects (listed below) in lieu of using fund balance/cash reserves.

Transfer Station (scale house)	\$	60,000
IT Server Room		30,000
DHEC/DSS Building Improvements		54,000
Old Jolly Street Road Bridge		94,422
Mid Carolina Commerce Park Irrigation		30,000
Public Works Storage Tank Removal		150,000
MCCP Site Prep/Pad Readiness/ Spec Bldg. Improvements		331,578
Detention Center Improvements		500,000
TOTAL	\$	1,250,000

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve Amendment #3; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT #4: Decrease operational funding of \$70,000.00 for the Newberry County Museum.

Chairman Livingston stated that this amendment was for the Newberry County Museum funding and invited Mrs. Denise Reid to the podium.

Mrs. Reid, museum supporter, addressed Council and thanked the many people supporting this grassroots effort. She said the \$70,000.00 came from the Capital Project Sales Tax Application and was approved by County Council as a county sponsored project.

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Several other museum supporters addressed Council and spoke in favor of keeping the funding in the budget.

Vice Chairman Koon said he has supported the use of the building as a museum and also supported the one cent sales tax which allows 2.2 million for the project; however, he does not support using property tax money for special interest groups. Property tax is collected for certain things such as public works, public safety, upkeep of county facilities, employee wages, etc.

Mr. Waldrop shared that he is in favor of the museum but the county spent \$250,000.00 on the building several years back and the people voted to spend 2.2 million on it. You want \$70,000.00 now and the building will not even be ready for another 24 months.

There was a lengthy discussion on utilizing the \$70,000.00 county funding between Council and museum supporters.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve Amendment #4 to decrease operational funding of \$70,000.00 for the Newberry County Museum; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The motion failed by vote of 3-4. Koon, Waldrop, Stockman in favor of motion to decrease funding; Livingston, Cain, Reeder, Rucker not in favor of decreasing funding. The funding will remain in budget.

AMENDMENT #5: Increase funding for salaries by 0.5% at a cost of \$55,038.00.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve Amendment #5; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT #6: Increase Local Government Fund Revenue by \$67,500.00

Mr. Cain motioned to approve Amendment #6; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

AMENDMENT #7: Authorize staff to adjust final FY 17/18 budget revenues and expenditures for capital projects to reflect actual progress to date at the time of the budget's publication

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve Amendment #7; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

4. ***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.***

Mr. Cain motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #03-11-17; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous

5. **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).**

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

Kyle Parker, Legal Representative for the property owners, addressed Council on this ordinance and the following ordinance and said he was available to answer any questions they have.

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

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #05-13-17; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous.

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).

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

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

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #05-14-17; seconded by Vice Chairman Koon. The vote was unanimous.

7. Appointments

Mr. Cain nominated Mr. Clay Bodie for appointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control representing the Whitmire Fire Department; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Mr. David Andrews for reappointment to the Board of Rescue Squads representing Whitmire Rescue; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Vice Chairman Koon nominated Mr. Sean Pomeroy for reappointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Terry Cotney signed up to speak on behalf of the Freedom and Hope Foundation as well as for himself to address the new zoning ordinance and its impact on recreational vehicles. He felt County Council was taking away freedoms by banning all campers in the county and pushing out 500 of our county residents. He noted that the county needed every dime of revenue from these residents who contribute millions to the economy.

Several other interested citizens who were renting land for RV's spoke in support of allowing campers.

The discussion on the RV matter by Mr. Cotney was very lengthy and at times negative and offensive towards Council and staff.

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County Council patiently listened and in closing voiced displeasure in some of Mr. Cotney's comments and made clarifying remarks.

9. Executive Session

§30-4-70(a)(5) of the 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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION [8:50 P.M. – 9:26 P.M.]

Mr. Adams reported that Council met in Executive Session under §30-4-70(a)(5) to discuss and economic development project known as Project A and no action was taken in that session.

10. Comments/Request from County Administrator

No comments.

11. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Reeder said he was glad to see a full house and county citizens sharing their concerns. He commented that he would like to see a full house at every meeting, every month, and invited everyone to attend.

Mr. Waldrop thanked everyone who came out.

Chairman Livingston commented that notifications were placed in the Observer, through WKDK, and on our website for public comments about the new zoning ordinance and for those interested, Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month. He thought it was pretty ridiculous to see adults blurting out like he witnessed tonight. He thanked everyone for being here.

12. Future Meetings

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

16. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council