



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 5, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 5, 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
Travis Reeder, Councilman
Dr. Harriett Rucker, Councilwoman
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

ABSENT: **Steve Stockman, Councilman**
Wayne Adams, County Administrator

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. Cain 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. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

3. *Personal Appearances*

a. Michelle Long, Chamber of Commerce – Ag+Art Tour Report

Mrs. Long distributed some material to members of Council. She thanked Council for the seed money of \$10,000.00 and its sponsorship of this tour event. She summarized the event revenues and expenditures and reported a \$10,000.00 net gain. Mrs. Long said from the chefs and servers at the farm table dinner all the way to the ag and art tours on the 24th and 25th of June, we were very pleased with attendance, positive responses from visitors, hosts and sponsors. This first-time event ran smooth and was very successful and she concluded by thanking County Council again for its support.

Dr. Rucker and Councilman Reeder thanked Michelle for her leadership and her visibility and interaction on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce.

Chairman Livingston complimented Michelle on a job well done. He said he attended and there were a lot of people out enjoying the tours. The vendors made some good contacts and there were folks here as far away as Charleston. Chairman Livingston said there was a lot of quality participation, fun, and educational exposure to many.

4. *Ordinance #07-15-17: 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, so as to rezone a real estate parcel totaling seven and two hundredths (7.02) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 461-25 from Single Family Residential (RS) to Rural (R2).*

Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator, identified the location of the parcel and several factors influencing the owner's request for rezoning.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-15-17; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

5. *Ordinance #07-16-17: 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, so as to rezone a real estate parcel totaling one (1.0) acre designated as TMS Parcel No. 339-3-4 from General Commercial (GC) to Single Family Residential (RS).*

Anne Peters, Zoning Administrator, identified the location of the parcel on Wilson Road and shared the contiguous properties current zoning and the owner's request to rezone his residential home from general commercial to a residential status.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-16-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

Chairman Livingston invited Mr. Cromer to the podium to speak on this rezoning.

Mr. Robert Cromer of 685 Mayer Road, Little Mountain, introduced himself and said that the property in question is the home in which he grew up on Wilson Road and he owns it along with his sister and another brother. Due to some family tragedies, the family has decided to sell the home place and lending institutions are hesitant to lend money for residential purposes in a general commercial zone.

Having received no comments, the vote was unanimous to approve first reading of Ordinance #07-16-17.

6. *Appointments*

Mr. Reeder nominated Chris Johnson for reappointment to the Board of Rescue Squads; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder nominated Mattie Dillon (replacing Reggie Wicker) for an appointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; seconded by Dr. Rucker. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve the recommendations of staff for members of the Grievance Committee; seconded by Mr. Cain

Mrs. Renwick announced the proposed members of the Grievance Committee as: Zenda McClurkin, Anne Peters, and Jeff Martin. Alternates are Bob Beard and Teresa Ball

The vote was unanimous to approve the Grievance Committee members.

Dr. Rucker nominated Ty Ransdell for reappointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

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

No public comments.

8. *Executive Session (if needed)*

Mr. Tothacer reported that staff requested an executive session for Section 30-4-70 (a)(5) of the SC Code for the 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; in reference to Project A.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to go into executive session; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION [7:20 p.m. – 7:36 p.m.]

Mr. Tothacer reported that County Council met in executive session for the purpose of Project A and no action was taken in that session.

9. *Comments/Request from Council Members*

Dr. Rucker thanked everyone for their concerns during her husband's surgery and the sympathy extended to her at death of her sister.

Mr. Reeder shared condolences to the family Anderson Shell, the owner of Shell's Barber Shop, who passed away on Friday.

Vice Chairman Koon said he was glad everyone had a good 4th of July and that things went well across our nation.

Chairman Livingston thanked everyone who coordinated the Samsung visit; Mr. Adams, Kara Cannon, Rick Farmer, and law enforcement who provided extra security for the Governor's visit in town. He noted that a lot of people behind the scenes make an event like this happen.

10. *Future Meetings*

- a. Public Safety and Courts Committee 7/10/17 @ 5:00 p.m.
- b. Special Called Meeting (Samsung Ordinance – 1st Reading) 7/12/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 7/19/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Special Called Meeting (Samsung Ordinance – 3rd Reading/Public Hearing) 7/27/17 @ 7:00 p.m.

11. *Adjournment*

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council