

Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee MINUTES

August 12, 2013

The regular quarterly meeting for the Newberry County Council Public Safety and Courts Committee was held on August 12, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

PRESENT: Bill Waldrop, Chairman
Kirksey Koon, Councilman
John Caldwell, Councilman

OTHERS PRESENT: Scott Cain, Tom Perry, Lee Foster, Tommy Long, Tom Crooks, Gordon Johnson, Jackie Bowers, Patrick Meetze, Crystal Waldrop, Ervin West, Jay Tothacer, Wayne Adams, Laurie Renwick

MEDIA: None Present

1. Call to Order and Invocation

Chairman Waldrop called the meeting to order followed by invocation.

2. Approval of May 6, 2013 Minutes

The May 6, 2013, Minutes passed with all in favor.

3. Tom Crooks, Citizen - Discussion of Leitzsey Road Fire Substation.

Mr. Crooks stated that his ISO rating was a 6 and now it is a 10. He wanted to know if the County could move forward with building the fire substation on Leitzsey Rd. He saw that the County used some capital on Piedmont Tech and wanted to know if the funding was available to start on the fire substation.

Mr. Adams stated that the Leitzsey Road fire substation was funded as a third tier project through the Capital Project Sales Tax and if all goes well with the other projects it is very possible the fire substation projects will get funded.

Councilmen Koon made a recommendation for Tommy Long (Emergency Services Coordinator) to check on purchasing and pricing land in that area and bring the information to Mr. Adams. The recommendation passed with all in favor.

4. Recommendation to repeal Careless Operation of Motor Vehicle Ordinance - Sheriff Lee Foster

Sheriff Foster said he would like to have this ordinance repealed because it no longer serves its original purpose. The intent was to provide the Sheriff's Office with a means of ticketing drivers (speeding) in a manner that would not be reflected on their driver's insurance. His

understanding is that the insurance companies do pick up these tickets so this ordinance is superfluous.

Councilmen Koon made a recommendation that this be taken before full Council. The recommendation passed with all in favor.

5. Recommendation to approve Social Hosting Ordinance - Sheriff Lee Foster

Sheriff Foster stated that he is working with Tom Perry at Westview on developing an ordinance to limit the amount of social hosting and to help regulate roving night clubs. He reported that there is limited information in reference to this matter throughout the state of South Carolina. He is also working with Jay Tothacer (County Attorney) and they will continue to work together and bring more information back to the committee.

6. Update of New Sheriff's Office Building - Sheriff Lee Foster

Sheriff Foster stated they meet every Tuesday and he is pleased with the work and the progress. He also stated they are on or below budget but due to the rain they are two weeks behind schedule on the Public Safety\Communications Building. He reported that they will need 3 generators to provide emergency power to the entire Sheriff's Office building in the event of a power outage.

Mr. Adams commented that if Dylan Snyder's (IT Director) Office is move to a different location, the Sheriff would like to make his office space into the Sex Offender's Office.

7. Update on Courthouse - Ervin West, Carter Goble Lee

Mr. West reported that they lost 13 work days in June and 14 in July due to rain. We are looking at completing the roof by the end of September. Mr. West also stated if Council elects to put a retaining wall around the perimeter of the building, the construction cost may be around \$300,000.00 and the Architectural Review Board (ARB) will also have to approve the drawings .

8. Public Comments

No public comments.

9. Adjourn

Councilman Koon made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Caldwell.

Chairman Waldrop declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

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APPROVED:

Bill Waldrop, Chairman

Zenda McClurkin, Recorder