



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 4, 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 at 7:00 p.m.

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

**1.     *Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda***

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

**2.     *Personal Appearances***

- a.     Kenneth McBride, Director – Department of Social Services Update

Mr. McBride introduced members of his team and expressed his appreciation for all they do. He presented a PowerPoint highlighting the agency's services, programs, needs, and yearly stats (available upon request).

Mr. Reeder applauded Mr. McBride and his staff at DSS. He said he works with them on a weekly basis through his position with the school district and by working together they can find solutions easier.

Chairman Livingston said that with Mr. McBride's leadership and his team our county is moving forward.

3. ***Ordinance #08-20-17: An Ordinance authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the Greenwood-Newberry Industrial Park for the benefit of the Samsung Project to include certain property located in Newberry County in the park; and other matters related thereto.***

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #08-20-07; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

4. ***Ordinance #10-21-17: An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the transfer of the authority for conducting municipal elections in the Town of Prosperity to the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission for the conduct of municipal elections in the Town of Prosperity; to provide for reimbursement of all costs and expenses incurred by the Newberry County Registration and Elections Commission in the conduct of such municipal elections; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.***

Mr. Adams reported that the Town of Prosperity wishes for Newberry County to conduct its elections held in November (odd-numbered years) and are willing to reimburse the county for costs associated with these elections. He said we have a similar arrangement with the City of Newberry; their elections are in September of even-numbered years and they reimburse the county. All the other towns are on the regular general election cycle of even numbered years.

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-21-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. ***Ordinance #10-22-17: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, Codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone one and one tenths (1.1) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-23 from General Commercial (GC) to Rural (R2).***

Mrs. Peters, Zoning Administrator, identified the parcel for members of Council and said that this parcel and the parcel in the next ordinance are contiguous and located on Hwy.

391 in Prosperity, SC. The owner is requesting that both properties be rezoned to rural (R2).

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-22-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

6. ***Ordinance #10-23-17: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone one and eighty-four hundredths (1.84) acres portion of a real estate parcel totaling two and fifty-two hundredths (2.52) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 464-85 from General Commercial (GC) to Rural (R2).***

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-23-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

7. ***Ordinance #10-24-17: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the Official Zoning Map established pursuant to Zoning Ordinance No. 06-11-16, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone one and twenty-one hundredths (1.21) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 57-1-1-12 from Rural (R2) to General Commercial (GC).***

Mrs. Peters reported that this parcel is located in Chappells at the intersection of Hwy. 34 and Hwy. 39. There is an existing convenient store with gas and the owner would like to expand and build on; therefore, requesting the rezoning.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-24-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

## 8. ***Consideration of Bids for DSS/DHEC Facility Interior Renovations***

Mrs. Waldrop, Purchasing Director, reported that staff received bids on September 28, 2017 and had the following five responses:

Cannon Associates, Inc.	\$ 88,000.00
RJ Dean Construction	\$ 98,498.00
P & L Construction	\$103,200.00
First Class Construction	\$113,800.00
Mika Contracting	\$154,900.00

Staff would like to recommend the low bidder, Cannon Associates, Inc., in the amount of \$88,000.00 to renovate the WIC offices to include replacing the floor, ceiling, adding access doors, privacy walls and painting. Mrs. Waldrop noted that the state will be funding this entire project.

Mr. Reeder motioned to approve low bid from Cannon Associates in the amount of \$88,000.00 for renovations; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

**9. Consideration of Central SC Alliance 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Invoices (FY17/18) in the amount of \$36,000.00**

Mr. Farmer, Director of Economic Development, reported that Central SC Alliance continues to serve the county well. In the past couple of months, they have brought us a few new projects, assisted in compiling labor force data, attended a local industry meeting and are assisting with some economic impact and cost benefit analysis modeling to be used for projects. He said they continue to be valuable allies and staff appreciates their assistance.

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve Central SC Alliance invoices totaling \$36,000.00; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**10. Committee Reports**

a. Economic Development 9/25/17 – Rick Farmer

Mr. Farmer reported that the committee met last week and items discussed were project activity, industry visits and expansions, product development, recertification of the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park and prospect development to include website updates. He informed the committee of the MM Technics grand opening later this month and that Samsung is among one of three finalists in the State Chamber of Commerce Project of the Year Award in economic development. Mr. Farmer noted that Mrs. Cannon has completed the State Economic Development Institute and will begin the National Institute next month in Ft. Lauderdale.

Mr. Reeder thanked Mr. Farmer and Mrs. Cannon for everything

b. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations 9/27/17 – Katherine Cook, Human Resource Assistant

Mrs. Cook reported that Shanna Proctor, Director of Voter Registrations and Elections, presented an Ordinance from the Town of Prosperity wishing to transfer its municipal elections to the Newberry County Voter Registration and Election Commission. She also requested a well installation at the Stoney Hill Fire Department Substation for another voter precinct. Ann Skinner, Work Force Development Director, briefed the committee on the MOU needing Chairman Livingston's signature. Mrs. Cook updated the committee on the upcoming holiday schedule and presented proposed changes to the employee handbook language to include post retiree health benefits, annual leave carry over maximum, and electronic communications subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

**11. Appointments**

Mr. Cain nominated Tommy Amick for reappointment to the Airport Commission; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Blair Long for reappointment to the Board of Rural Fire Control; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Rev. Edward Jeter for reappointment to the Westview Behavioral Board; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Jimmy Dunaway for reappointment to the Board of Rescue Squads (at large position); seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cain nominated Kitcy Johnson for reappointment to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

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

No public comments.

**13. Executive Session**

No executive session.

**14. Comments/Request from County Administrator**

No comments.

**15. Comments/Request from Council Members**

No comments.

**16. Future Meetings**

- a. Public Safety and Courts Committee 10/10/2017 @ 5:00 p.m.
- b. County Council 10/18/2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**

