



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 18, 2017**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 18, 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  
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

**ABSENT:** A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney

**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. Waldrop led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

***1. Adoption of Consent Agenda***

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

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

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

3. *Newberry County Service Awards*

Chairman Livingston expressed appreciation and presented service awards to the following employees: Latonya Williams, Sheriff's Office – 5 years; Betty Honeycutt, Sheriff's Office – 20 years; and Kelly Nobles, Probate Judge – 20 years.

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.*

Dr. Rucker motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-21-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder. 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).*

Mr. Stockman motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-22-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. 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. Cain motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #10-23-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder. 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).*

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

**8. Ordinance #10-25-17: An Ordinance authorizing the extension of the term of two (2) Fee In Lieu Of Tax Agreements and the extension and amendment of one (1) Fee in Lieu Of Tax Agreement, all such agreements by and between Newberry County, South Carolina and Kiswire, Inc.; and other related matters. (TITLE ONLY)**

Mr. Adams reported that this ordinance will consolidate and extend three existing fee agreements for Kiswire. The most significant change (credits against the fee stream) is with the newer steel cord facility located at Twin Springs Rd. and CR Koon Hwy. This is being recommended because the company has far exceeded the amount they originally pledged to invest.

Mr. Cain motioned to approve first reading of Ordinance #10-25-17; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

**9. Resolution #11-17: A Resolution Amending the Newberry County Employee Handbook**

Mr. Adams stated that there are two changes proposed under this resolution. The first will allow for the greater accumulation of leave time for employees; currently limited to 240 hours year to year carry over and this will increase to 360 hours. The second change makes it clear to employees that if they conduct business work on their private laptops or phones that those devices could be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve Resolution #11-17; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

**10. Consideration of Board of Rescue Capital Purchases in the amount of \$60,000.00.**

Mr. Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, supplied council members with a list of supplies for approval as required by a proviso in the budget before they move forward with the purchases.

Vice Chairman Koon motioned to approve Board of Rescue Capital Purchases in the amount of \$60,000.00; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

**11. Appointments**

Mr. Stockman nominated Debra Blizzard for reappointment to the Accommodations Tax Commission to represent the lodging sector; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

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

No public comments.

**13. Executive Session**

- a. Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act for discussion of matters related to the clerk to council to discuss personnel issues.

Mr. Cain motioned to go into Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimous.

***EXECUTIVE SESSION [7:17 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.]***

Chairman Livingston returned the meeting to open session and reported that county council met in executive session according to Section 30-4-70 (a)(1) of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act on matters relating to the clerk to council to discuss personnel issues; no action was taken in that session.

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

No comments.

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

Dr. Rucker asked for prayers for the family of Claude Lake Dominick, a former county council member, who passed away this week.

**16. Future Meetings**

- a. County Council 11/1/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. Public Works and Planning Committee 11/6/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 11/15/17 @ 7:00 p.m.
- d. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee 11/27/17 @ 6:00 p.m.

**17. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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

