



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JULY 2, 2014**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, July 2, 2014, 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
John E. Caldwell, Councilman (Arrived at 7:05 p.m.)
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steven C. Stockman, Councilman
Scott Cain, Councilman
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

ABSENT: Bill Waldrop, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator (Vacation)

MEDIA: Kevin Boozer, Newberry Observer
Tammy Kitchen, WKDK

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order and determined a quorum present.

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

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Cain motioned to adopt the Agenda; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

2. Ordinance #06-10-14: An Ordinance enacting and adopting 2014 S-11 Supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Newberry, South Carolina.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #06-10-14; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

3. Consideration of 4th Quarter Appropriation (FY13/14 Proviso) for the Library in the amount of \$5,625.00

Mr. Sam Ziady, Library Director, reported that both libraries are focused on the Summer Reading Programs so kids do not lose reading skill over the summer. He said they have a growing group of homeschoolers who use the library as their resource center and they are pleased with the facility. Mr. Ziady said he ran some statistics and in one summer month, almost 10,000 books were circulated; in one year, the libraries had over 75,000 visits. A large percentage of our population has library cards and a lot of time is spent in our libraries. He said he appreciated all of Council's support.

Mr. Cain said he received a nice compliment on the Whitmire Library regarding the accessibility of computers and e-books. He said people are really happy to see this and he thanked Mr. Ziady.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve the 4th Quarter Appropriation in the amount of \$5,625.00; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

4. Consideration of Central SC Alliance (FY14/15) 1st Quarter Invoice in the amount of \$18,000.00

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve Central's 1st Quarter Invoice in the amount of \$18,000.00; seconded by Mr. Cain. The vote was unanimous.

5. Appointments

Mr. Cain nominated Mrs. Beth Bozard for an appointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board representing District 1; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston nominated Mr. Jerry Alewine for an appointment to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board representing District 3; seconded by Mr. Koon. The vote was unanimous.

6. Committee Meetings

a. Economic Development 6/23/14

Ms. Teresa Powers, Economic Development Director, reported that the following items were addressed at the committee meeting:

- Central SC Alliance gave a presentation and the committee approved the 1st quarter invoice.
- The property for the Newberry Electric Coop. power substation at the Mid-Carolina Commerce Park is being surveyed.
- The Spec Building is pretty much complete.
- Mega-Site certification is proceeding; generating marketing material for site.
- Industry Appreciation Event held in April was a success with positive feedback on the Community Hall venue. Sponsors covered cost of entire event; 15 total sponsors, largest number to date.
- Marketing events sponsored and attended: SC Automotive Summit in Greenville, Newberry Employer Summit held in conjunction with the Career Center and Piedmont Tech, Chinese Economic Development Board of SC in Greenville, Heritage, and Kiswire Grand Opening.
- The committee voted to reschedule the next two meetings to September 8th and December 15th.
- Executive Session and no action taken.

7. Public Comments

No comments.

8. Executive Session

No Executive Session

9. Comments/Request from Council Members

Mr. Cain extended his condolences and best wishes to Mr. Edgar Baker. He welcomed the new Chief of Police, Mr. Dennis Brown, his wife Amanda and their three children to the community.

Mr. Cain asked fellow Councilmen their thoughts on sharing Council's calendar with our municipalities. He said the only reason he found out about the Chief of Police was because someone shared it with him and this was a significant event for our county.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Cain if he had anyone specific in mind to send it to.

Mr. Cain said all the Mayors in our county so they will know what County Council is doing. He said he would really like to receive their calendars (if they put one out) so Council will know of any events of interest we may want to participate in. Chairman Livingston commented that this may be included on our new web page.

Mr. Cain responded that if all townships posted their calendars on our website that would work also.

Chairman Livingston shared that the school district has tried to do this with 13 schools and it doesn't seem to get posted. He felt it was a worthwhile consideration but will not be as easily done as it seems.

Mr. Hipp wished Mr. Kevin Boozer (Newberry Observer) the best in his new career move. He has done an excellent job covering our meetings and is now going to work with the school district and will be missed. He recognized the upcoming July 4th holiday and wished everyone a wonderful and safe 4th.

Mr. Koon remembered the service of Mr. William Armfield, Sr. who died on June 20th. He said Mr. Armfield served on the Newberry County School Board, the Whitmire Town Council, Newberry County Development Board, Newberry County Hospital Foundation Board and Newberry County Council.

Chairman Livingston commented that Mr. Bill Waldrop was not in attendance tonight due to illness. He said the Governmental Association meeting was hosted in Whitmire this past Monday and the Whitmire Town Hall looks phenomenal. This is our 1 cent sales tax money at work and this is a great gathering place for the people of Whitmire. He encouraged folks to go by and look at the facility.

13. Future Meetings

- a. County Council 7/2/14 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. Finance Committee 7/14/14 @ 6:00 p.m.
- c. County Council 7/16/14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Livingston noted the changes in the following committee meeting dates:

Economic Development – 9/8/14
Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations – 9/22/14
Economic Development – 12/15/14

14. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council