

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
November 17, 2021, 6:00 p.m.**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. for a regular scheduled meeting in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC 29108

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Buddy Livingston, Chairman  
Todd Johnson, Council Member  
Travis Reeder, Council Member  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member  
Mary Arrowood, Council Member – zoomed  
Nick Shealy, Council Member  
Les Hipp, Council Member  
A J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney  
Karen M. Brehmer, Deputy Administrator  
Tony McDonald, Interim County Administrator  
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director  
Ben Chapman, Sheriff Dept  
Katie Werts, Zoning Department  
Katherine Cook, Human Resources  
Wesley Boland, Sheriff Department

Recorder – Andrew

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

Mr. Livingston called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Mr. Scurry had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Shealy made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

2. **Ordinance #10-27-21** – An Ordinance authorizing (1) the execution and delivery of a fee in lieu of tax and incentive agreement by and among Newberry County, South Carolina (the “County”) and a company identified for the time being as Project Sun Rise operating company and a company identified for the time being as Project Sun Rise Real Property Owner, each acting for itself, one or more affiliates, and/or other project sponsors (collectively, the “Companies”), pursuant to which the companies shall be entitled to certain negotiated fees in lieu of ad valorem taxes with respect to the establishment of certain facilities in the County (the “Project”); (2) the addition of the project to a multi-county industrial park; (3) the provision of certain special source revenue credits in connection with the Project; and (4) other matters relating thereto.

- a. **Public Hearing**

Mr. Livingston asked if anyone was wishing to speak pro or con. There being no one, Mr. Livingston declared the public hearing closed.

- b. **Third Reading**

Mr. McDonald stated this Ordinance is related to project Daeyoung Electronics, LLC a company previously identified as project Sun Rise.

Mr. Hipp made a motion to approve third reading; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

3. **Ordinance #11-28-21** – An ordinance to amend the budget ordinance for the fiscal year 2021-22, Ordinance number 4-12-21, to provide for revised revenue and expenditure appropriations related to capital purposes of Newberry County.

- a. **Second Reading**

Mr. McDonald stated this was a budget amendment for Daeyoung Electronics previously known as Project Sunrise.

Ms. Shealy made a motion to approve second reading; seconded by Ms. Arrowood. Vote was unanimous.

4. **Council consideration to accept proposal for the comprehensive plan – Crystal Waldrop Purchasing Director.**

Ms. Waldrop stated we received two proposals: Matheny Burns and RS3 Planning Collaborative, LLC. Ms. Waldrop stated the evaluation committee consisted of Ron Powell, Building Inspector; Katie Werts, Zoning Administrator; and myself. Staff recommends the highest ranked firm, Matheny Burns.

Ms. Waldrop stated the proposal from Matheny Burns is for the required update on the County Comprehensive Plan, along with planning services for the Building and Zoning Departments. The services for the Comprehensive Plan will cross over two fiscal years to complete the required update; therefore, funding will need to be budgeted in next year's fiscal year allocation. Funding for the FY21-22 will cover the services for the initial elements of the comprehensive plan.

Ms. Arrowood made a motion to accept the proposal from Matheny Burns; seconded by Mr. Scurry. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hipp requested that Matheny Burns give annual progress reports on the comprehensive plan progress.

**5. Consideration to accept proposal for the engineering services for the Capital Project Sales Tax Cost Estimates – Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director**

Alliance Consulting was the only response for this solicitation. For the CPST to remain on schedule, staff recommends the award be to Alliance.

The amount budgeted for this fiscal year for these services is \$75,000. The amount of Alliance's cost proposal is over budget is \$10,000. Their cost of proposal is \$85,000.

Mr. Hipp made a motion to accept Alliance Consulting; seconded by Mr. Hipp. Vote was unanimous.

**6. Consideration to accept the bid for the debris grinding at the Transfer Station – Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director**

Newberry County received three bids for the debris grinding for the transfer station

MW Collins at an hourly rate of \$1,500

American Property Experts bid on an annual amount of \$625,000

Alpha Tree Service was non-responsive

McClam Associates and hourly rate of \$507.

Staff recommends the low bidder, McClam and Associates in the amount of \$507.00 per hour. The amount is within the budget. This is a three-year initial contract.

#### **7. Resolution to amend the guidelines for property rentals – Crystal Waldrop**

Ms. Waldrop stated staff recommends that the amounts be increase to help defray the costs associated with operating these facilities and the overall maintenance. The rental facilities charges have been the same amount since we began renting them in 2008. Staff recommends that the amounts be increase to help defray the costs associated with these facilities and the overall maintenance.

The rental facilities have been closed since the spring of 2019 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Staff will need guidance in when Council feels they may be opened back up for public rental.

Mr. Johnson stated that we need more detail and how they could offer other options to non-profits.

Mr. Hipp also felt that additional information was needed. Our facilities manager could give some additional information on the rentals. Mr. Hipp asked Mr. West to be at the next meeting.

The Resolution was tabled until the next meeting.

#### **8. Code Section §30-4-70 (a)(1): Discussion of employment, appointment, compensation, promotion, demotion, discipline, or release of an employee, a student, or a person regulated by a public body or the appointment of a person to a public body; however, if an adversary hearing involving the employee or client is held, the employee or client has the right to demand that the hearing be conducted publicly. Nothing contained in this item shall prevent the public body, in its discretion, from deleting the names of the other employees or clients whose records are submitted for use at the hearing.**

Mr. Arrowood made the motion to go into executive session for the above referenced code section; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous. Council went into executive session at 6:25 p.m.

At 7:25p.m., Mr. Tothacer stated no action was taken in executive session.

Mr. Hipp stated that Mr. Pope had done excellent work in assisting Council with numerous qualified candidates. Council has chosen Mr. Christopher Inglese to be our County Administrator effective January 1, 2022. He has 20 years of experience in public administration.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to have Mr. Tothacer and Mr. McDonald to complete the contract.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

All members are looking forward working with Mr. Inglese and look forward in working with him and getting Newberry County back on track.

#### **9. Appointments**

None

#### **10. Public Comments**

None

#### **11. Committee/Requests from County Administrator**

Mr. McDonald reminded Council of the meeting on Monday, November 22, 2021

#### **12. Comments/Request from Council Members**

Mr. Reeder looking forward to working with the new administrator

Mr. Johnson stated he was excited to move forward.

Ms. Arrowood stated it had been a long road and looked forward to Mr. Inglese coming on board.

Mr. Hipp thanked the administrative staff for their assistance.

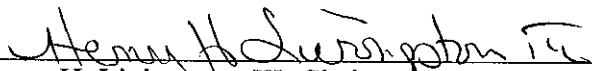
#### **13. Future Meetings**

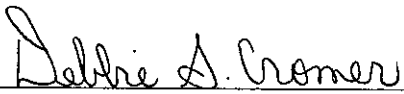
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| a. C/C CPST Project Priorities | 11-8-2021  | 6:00 p.m. |
| b. Finance                     | 11-15-2021 | POSTPONED |
| c. County Council              | 11-17-2021 | 6:00 p.m. |
| d. C/P CPST Project Priorities | 11-22-2021 | 6:00 p.m. |

#### **14. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Johnson; seconded by Mr. Reeder.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

  
Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

  
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

Approved: 1-5-2022