

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
JANUARY 6, 2010**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, 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
William D. Waldrop, Vice Chairman
Kirksey Koon, Councilman
John E. Caldwell, Councilman
Edgar Baker, Councilman
Leslie (Les) Hipp, Councilman
Steven C. Stockman, Councilman
Wayne Adams, County Administrator
A.J. Tothacer, County Attorney
Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director

PRESS: Heather Hawkins, WKDK
Cindy Pitts, Newberry Observer

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

Chairman Livingston called the meeting to order, determined a quorum present, and led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Livingston turned the meeting over to A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney, for the election of officers.

1. Election of Chairman 2010

Mr. Tothacer stated that he will begin the process by opening the floor for nominations for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. He said nominations do not require a second and under Council rules, a simple majority of the whole is required to win the election.

Mr. Tothacer asked if there were any nominations for Chairman.

Mr. Waldrop nominated Mr. Buddy Livingston for Chairman of Newberry County Council.

Having received no other nominations, Mr. Caldwell motioned that the nominations come to a close.

Mr. Tothacer stated that since there was only one person nominated, he offered Council the opportunity to accept by acclamation the election of Mr. Livingston as Chairman.

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2010

Mr. Tothacer opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Baker nominated Mr. Bill Waldrop as Vice-Chairman of Newberry County Council.

Having received no other nominations, Mr. Livingston motioned that the nominations come to a close.

Mr. Tothacer stated that with one person nominated once again, it was appropriate for Council to accept by acclamation the election Mr. Waldrop as Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Tothacer presented Mr. Buddy Livingston as Chairman and Mr. Bill Waldrop as Vice-Chairman of Newberry County Council for the 2010 fiscal year and turned the meeting over to Chairman Livingston.

Chairman Livingston thanked Council members for their support and stated he looked forward to working with them another year.

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Baker motioned to adopt the Consent Agenda; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

4. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

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

5. Ordinance #12-25-09: An Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance for the 2009-2010 fiscal year, Ordinance Number 04-08-09, to provide for revised revenues and appropriations related to the operations of the County and to approve the administrative transfer of certain funds. (Included on the Finance Committee meeting agenda on Monday, December 14, 2009 for consideration)

Mr. Adams reported that this budget Ordinance serves two purposes: (1) to fund the Clemson Extension move and (2) to fund the professional services associated with the Capital Project Sales Tax proposal development. The funding for these two projects will come from the following line items: Assessor's contracted maintenance - \$10,000; GIS contracted maintenance - \$10,000.00; General Fund contingency - \$68,000.00.

Chairman Livingston declared this the Public Hearing.

Having received no comments from the public, Chairman Livingston declared the Public Hearing closed.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #12-25-09; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

6. Appointments

Chairman Livingston nominated the following for appointments to the Accommodations Tax Advisory Board:

- Public Sector representative – Mr. David Senn for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2013.
- Lodging Sector representative – Mrs. Debra K. Blizzard, Hampton Inn, for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2013.
- Cultural Sector representative – Mrs. Lillian Leavell for a term commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2013.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the above appointments to the Accommodation Tax Advisory Board; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

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

No Comments

8. Vote for Executive Session, when necessary

Mr. Koon motioned for an Executive Session; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston stated that this Executive Session pertains to the County Administrator's annual evaluation.

9. Executive Session [7:07 p.m. – 7:17 p.m.]

10. Necessary Action on matters discussed in Executive Session

Chairman Livingston reported that no action was taken in Executive Session; however, Council did complete evaluation forms over the past several days and they were collected tonight. They will be summarized and a follow-up given at the next Council meeting.

11. Comments from County Administrator

Mr. Adams reported that the meetings between the contracted consultants and those entities proposing CPST projects have begun and are in full swing. He said the heating installation at the Animal Shelter was now completed.

12. Comments from Council Members

Mr. Baker asked the County Administrator to contact our engineer and see if someone can go to Maybinton and drain the ponds on the ball field caused by the rain.

Mr. Koon reported that he had visited the Animal Shelter and they have completed their job out there. He said the shelter has been cleaned up and is in a lot better condition than he expected.

Mr. Waldrop thanked Council for their continued support and by electing him Vice-Chairman again and said he looked forward to working with everyone in the coming year. He introduced Mr. Bowers (in attendance), who moved back to Silverstreet several years ago from Orangeburg, and stated he was glad to have him here tonight.

Chairman Livingston thanked Council and Mr. Adams for all of their support.

13. Future Meeting

- a. County Council – January 20, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – February, 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works and Planning Committee – January 11, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee – January 25, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

14. Vote of Adjourn

Mr. Waldrop motioned to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

15. Adjournment

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

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

APPROVED:

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council