

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
MARCH 17, 2010**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, March 17, 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**

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

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

Chairman Livingston led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Additions, Deletions and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Caldwell asked to present a NACO report to Council as an addition to the agenda.

Chairman Livingston added Mr. Caldwell's NACO report as agenda item 6b.

Mr. Koon motioned to adopt the agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

2. Personal Appearances

a. Katie Reid, Community Education Program Director – Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands

Katie Reid introduced herself and thanked Council for having her tonight. For those of you who are not aware, basically we are the local rape crisis center and our mission is to help survivors in their recovery with the trauma associated with sexual assault and abuse and to educate the community on how to recognize and prevent sexual violence. We serve Richland, Lexington and Newberry Counties and are grateful for the ongoing

financial support from Newberry County Council. She said she was here tonight to tell Council about a program being funded through the Children's Trust of South Carolina that provides prevention training to the area communities. The training helps adults to prevent, recognize, and react to child sexual abuse and it is free to the public. Two local trainings will be coming up in Newberry, with our next one being held at the Newberry County Library on April 6th. Ms. Reid said she just wanted to spread the word within the community that this training was available.

Mr. Baker asked Ms. Reid if she has taken this to the school system and if teachers received this training.

Ms. Reid stated that this training is part of a program put out by an organization called Darkness to Light. The State Department of Education and the Superintendent have made a huge push to have teachers trained. They have their own initiative with the exact same program. She has not actively pursued this because teachers are already required in many places to have this training. They work closely with schools and provide a program to middle and high school kids encouraging them to have healthy relationships with appropriate boundaries.

Chairman Livingston stated that he has gone through this training with all administrators and guidance counselors. He did not know if the teachers have had the training but there have been several phases of the training in Newberry County. He said it was a phenomenal and eye opening training.

3. Ordinance #01-01-10: An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 01-01-06, relating to the creation of the Emergency Services Board.

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing and asked if anyone had signed up to speak.

Having received no public comments, Chairman Livingston declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Koon motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #10-01-10; seconded by Mr. Baker. The vote was unanimous.

4. Ordinance #02-03-10: An Ordinance enacting and adopting 2010 S-7 supplement to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Newberry, South Carolina.

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing and asked if anyone had signed up to speak.

Having received no public comments, Chairman Livingston declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #02-03-10; seconded by Mr. Stockman

5. Proclamation: A Proclamation declaring March of 2010 as Disabilities Awareness Month

Mr. Adams read the Proclamation declaring March of 2010 as Disabilities Awareness Month.

Chairman Livingston asked Ms. Connie Coleman to come forward and accept the Proclamation and thanked the NCDDSN for all they do and the services they provide for many citizens of Newberry County.

Mr. Koon said we all know how special these people are and their families. He motioned that Newberry County Council draft a letter to send to our Legislative Delegation in support of their budget for the year; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

6. Committee Reports

**a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee –
March 8, 2010**

Mr. Adams reported that the Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on March 8, 2010 and the follow was discussed:

- A draft copy of the revised Personnel Policy was given to members of the committee for their review with recommendations to be made at the committee's July meeting
- Reports were given from the administrators at both JF Hawkins and Springfield Place
- The committee received a report from Gerdi Lake concerning recreation programs

b. NACO Report

Mr. Caldwell said that often times we attend meetings and do not give a report. He was fortunate to have been a member of the NACO Board of Directors and he attended their annual meeting last week. He distributed some literature he had received at the meeting to each Council member and asked each to take the time to read the information and if they had any questions, he would be glad to answer them. He stressed the importance of County participation at these out of state NACO meetings.

Mr. Waldrop told Mr. Caldwell that he has served on the NACO Board for many years and they were proud of the good job he was doing on behalf of County Council and Newberry County by serving on this board.

Chairman Livingston commented that about two years ago we implemented the NACO Prescription Discount Card Program and we are still a participating member. With the economic times and people without jobs, maybe we can get the media to promote it and get it out there again. He thanked Mr. Caldwell for bringing this idea back to the County from one the NACO meetings and the service NACO has provided.

7. Appointments

No Appointments

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

No public comments

9. Vote for Executive Session, when necessary

No vote for Executive Session

10. Executive Session

No Executive Session

11. Necessary Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session

No Action

12. Comment from County Administrator

Mr. Adams congratulated Council who along with the State stepped up and put together a package that made the Caterpillar expansion possible. It was a very competitive process and we are glad that it happened here.

13. Comments from Council Members

Mr. Hipp stated that he was giddy over the Caterpillar announcement; 500 jobs to the County is wonderful news and he thanked Joe Malloy, Caterpillar Manager at the Newberry plant, for promoting Newberry County. Caterpillar has been a great corporate citizen to Newberry County and he looked forward to them expanding here.

Mr. Baker thanked Teresa Powers and Wayne Adams for putting together the package to present to Caterpillar to persuade them to come to Newberry.

Mr. Caldwell encouraged Council to start attending more out of town meetings and the importance of numbers within the political game.

Mr. Koon said he wanted to pat fellow Councilmen's work on Caterpillar, along with Administration. He also mentioned that if anyone was interested in making a donation to Newberry County Disabilities and Special Need, it can be made to the Ruth S. Pugh Foundation and this money will stay here in Newberry County.

Mr. Waldrop said he was proud that Caterpillar wanted to stay and expand in Newberry County and he hoped a lot of people looking for work will apply for the jobs over the next few years during the expansion of their operation.

Chairman Livingston agreed and was ecstatic over the expansion and said this will be a great thing for Newberry. He thanked everyone who participated in making this happen for us.

14. Future Meetings

- a. County Council – April 7, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – April 21, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Public Works and Planning Committee – April 12, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. Finance Committee – April 26, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.

15. Vote to Adjourn

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

16. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council

