

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2008**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, S.C., for a regularly scheduled meeting.

Present: **Henry B. Summer, Chairman**
 William D. Waldrop, Vice-Chairman
 John E. Caldwell, Councilman
 Mike Hawkins, Councilman
 John David Dawkins, Councilman
 Edgar Baker, Councilman
 Henry H. Livingston, III, Councilman
 Wayne Adams, County Administrator
 A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney
 Laurie Renwick, Clerk to Council
 Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

Press: **Cindy Pitts, The Newberry Observer**
 Heather Hawkins, WKDK

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

Mr. Summer called the meeting to order and determined a quorum to be present.

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

1. Personal Appearances.

a. Mike Davenport with the USC Small Business Development Center.

Mr. Davenport thanked Council for the opportunity to bring good news for the small business community of Newberry County. He stated that on July 11, 2008, an agreement was reached between the SC Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Newberry College to house the newest Small Business Development Center in South Carolina. Mr. Davenport stated that the Newberry SBDC will be the 15th office in the state and will be known as the Newberry College Office of the SC Small Business Development Center. He said these centers offer a variety of services and management training courses tailored to meet the needs of small and medium size businesses. There will be SBDC consultants on site to provide managerial and technical assistance to those wishing to start or expand an enterprise, generally FREE. Mr. Davenport stated he felt having these resources available locally will be invaluable to our small businesses. He shared some statistic from the SBDC for the 2007 fiscal year. The SBDC had a 38 million dollar economic

impact in SC. 5,183 individual received services; 2,100 were clients; over 3,000 attended workshops; and an estimated 555 jobs were created because of the SBDC.

Mr. Davenport stated that Newberry College will be providing office space, meeting space as well as other assets to the table, free of charge. The state SBDC will fund ½ of the operating budget for the first year. He said it will be up to the business community, government, and private citizens, to fund the remainder. He stated a year's operation, including salary for the local director, will be approximately \$30,000.00; therefore, we are responsible for funding the balance of about \$15,000.00. Mr. Davenport asked Council to consider funding 1/3 of this amount, \$5,000.00. He will be asking the same from the Newberry City Council and local business and industry to finance the balance, primarily the Banks in the county

Mr. Davenport introduced Bob Montgomery who is on the Advisory Board of the SC Small Business Development Center who joined him this evening.

Mr. Dawkins asked how many of these centers were across the state.

Mr. Montgomery stated that there were approximately 15 around the state and 8 were tied to local Universities.

Mr. Dawkins asked what they considered to be small business.

Mr. Davenport stated that small business is defined by the Small Business Administration as those with less than 500 employees.

Mr. Montgomery stated that typically they serve clients with about 20 or less employees.

Mr. Davenport said that the Newberry Office will be housed at the Dufford House at Newberry College.

Mr. Summer stated that he has heard many times about the county offering incentives and trying to recruit big industries to Newberry. He said this will be a way the County can support the small businesses that are very important to the economic well being of our community.

Mr. Summer asked Mr. Adams how we could fund this request.

Mr. Adams stated through Council Contingency.

Mr. Davenport handed out packets to each Councilmember.

Mr. Waldrop asked if the money would be used for personnel.

Mr. Davenport stated that yes, 98% of their budget goes to salaries.

Mr. Summer asked how much they charged for workshops.

Mr. Davenport said \$30 for a 2 ½ hour workshop and \$150.00 for a whole day workshop.

Mr. Caldwell moved to approve Mr. Davenport request for \$5,000; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous.

b. Mr. Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director & Major Todd Johnson, Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Long came tonight on behalf of the rescue squad and fire service in Newberry County to ask Council to approve the Nicholson Business System Software for their department to use as a record keeping system for inventories, federal and state reports, and DHEC reports. Mr. Long said that funding will come from last year's budget which has been carried forward for the purchase of this software at \$30,000.00. Mr. Long stated that this is the same software that the Sheriff's Office is currently using and they are willing to help get this up and running in our County. Mr. Long told Council that Major Todd Johnson was on hand to help out with any questions they may have.

Mr. Livingston moved to approve implementing the Nicholson Business System Software for rescue squad and fire service; second by Mr. Waldrop.

Mr. Dawkins commented that he was glad it was finally going into place. He said Council started looking at this 4-5 years ago and its finding the right program and it lagged behind. Mr. Dawkins said this will consolidate all the reports and provide statistics and we should have already done this.

Having received no further discussion. Vote was unanimous

2. Adoption of Consent Agenda

Mr. Hawkins moved to adopt consent agenda; second by Mr. Waldrop.

Mr. Summer asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Hawkins wanted to add a Proclamation to the Consent Agenda Honoring the Gallman High School Class of 1958.

Mr. Waldrop moved to add the Proclamation to the Consent Agenda; second by Mr. Dawkins. Vote was unanimous

Motion to adopt Consent Agenda as amended; Vote was unanimous.

3. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Waldrop moved to approve Agenda as mailed out; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous.

4. Ordinance #08-26-08: An Ordinance enacting and adopting 2008 Supplement S-5 to the Code of Ordinances for the County of Newberry, South Carolina.

Mr. Caldwell moved to approve third reading; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous

5. Ordinance #08-27-08: An Ordinance acting on a request to amend the official zoning map established pursuant to zoning Ordinance No. 12-24-01, codified in Chapter 153 of the Newberry County Code of Ordinances, so as to rezone three tracts containing a total of 50.1 acres designated as TMS parcel nos. 282-12, 282-12-1 and 282-29 from Basic Industrial (BS) to Rural (R2).

Mr. Summer declared the public hearing open. Having received no comments from the public, Mr. Summer declared the public hearing closed.

Mr. Dawkins moved to approve third reading; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous.

6. Ordinance #07-23-08: An Ordinance for the purpose of leasing fairgrounds property to the Newberry Historical Society.

Mr. Dawkins moved to approve third reading; second by Mr. Hawkins.

Mr. Summer asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Waldrop asked Mr. Adams how much space was needed.

Mr. Adams stated 5,000 sq. ft.

Mr. Summer asked if the Pearson's were in the process of moving out.

Mr. Adams stated that Pearson's had announced in the Newberry Observer that they have moved.

Mr. Livingston noted that the lease was for a two year term and asked was this contingent on them finding another place.

Mr. Summer said that there was a lot of equipment to be moved and he felt they would not want to be moving it again in 6 month.

Having no other discussion. Vote was unanimous.

7. **Ordinance #08-28-08: An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of Not Exceeding \$1,100,000 Aggregate Principal Amount Of Hospital Revenue Bonds (Newberry County Memorial Hospital) Series 2008; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Loan Agreement And An Indenture Of Trust; And Other Matters Incidental Thereto.** – Robert Galloway, Esq.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve second reading; second by Mr. Caldwell. Vote was unanimous.

8. **Committee Reports:**

No reports.

9. **Appointments:**

No appointments.

10. **Update from County Administrator on development of RS-1A recreational vehicle restrictions.**

Mr. Adams stated that on August 20, 2008, Council voted to postpone third reading of an Ordinance that would have applied the new RS-1A Zoning District to certain subdivisions situated along the shores of Lake Greenwood. The chief factor in the delay was some disagreements among the residents about the RV use restrictions. Council directed staff to develop a compromise which was completed and presented and approved by the Planning Commission last night. Mr. Adams said it had been presented to Council and will be put on the October 1, 2008, Agenda for first reading unless there are objections. He stated it will be placed on the website for public review tomorrow.

Mr. Waldrop thanked Mr. Adams and Teresa Powers and her staff for their time with this issue. He hopes that things work out with the next three readings and the majority will be happy with this consideration.

Mr. Summer, on behalf of Council, asked that Mr. Adams place this on the Oct. 1st Agenda.

11. **Consideration of approval of the Newberry County Accommodations Tax Committee's recommendation for disbursement of tourism and promotional related funds.** – Mr. Ernest Shealy

Mr. Summer asked if anyone had any question for Mr. Ernest Shealy on how the disbursement was broken out.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the committee's recommendation; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous.

12 Consideration of bid for twelve (12) stretchers for the Rescue Squads in the amount of \$83,912.48 – Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director; Tommy Long, Emergency Services Director.

Vendor: Stryker (Considered sole source to conform to the rest of the county's stretchers.)

Account: 010-010-07300-04070

Budgeted: \$85,000.00

Mrs. Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director, thanked the Chairman. She stated that they only obtained one bid (sole source) to conform to the existing stretchers.

Mr. Dawkins moved to approve bid; second by Mr. Baker. Vote was unanimous

13. Request by Councilmen

No request by Councilmen

14. Public comments

No public comments.

15. Vote for Executive Session, When Necessary.

No Vote for Executive Session

16. Executive Session.

No Executive Session

17. Necessary Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session.

Mr. Adams made a motion to authorize the Chairman to finalize and then execute a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Project Boston, pursuant to Executive Session discussions held earlier today.

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the motion; second by Mr. Dawkins. Vote was unanimous.

18. Comments from County Administrator.

Mr. Adams stated that 2years ago today Council voted to hire him.

19. Comments from Council.

Mr. Caldwell thanked Council for the Proclamation honoring the former students, teachers, and principals of Gallman High School and he felt they will be very pleased to have it.

20. Future Meetings.

- a. October 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- b. October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

21. Vote to Adjourn.

Mr. Waldrop moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Hawkins. Vote was unanimous

22. Adjournment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry B. Summer, Chairman

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council

APPROVED: