

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2009**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 4:00 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: **Cindy Pitts, Newberry Observer**
 Heather Hawkins, WKDK

The meeting was duly advertised as required by law.

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

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

1. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Livingston noted the deletion of Agenda Item 2, Personal Appearances, which will be reported out under Agenda Item 7, Committee Reports. He also reported a change in the Economic Development Committee meeting date to October 21, 2009 at 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Adams pointed out that the first meeting of the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission will be held on October 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex Conference Room.

Mr. Caldwell motioned for the adoption of the Agenda as amended; seconded by Mr. Baker. The vote was unanimous.

2. Personal Appearances

Deleted

3. **Ordinance #09-19-09: 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 capital projects and to approve the administrative transfer of certain funds.**

Mr. Baker motioned to approve second reading of Ordinance #09-19-09; seconded by Mr. Stockman.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was any discussion.

Mr. Adams stated that staff will be working to provide updated numbers prior to third reading particularly concerning some of the changes to the Clemson Extension Building since we are going beyond the original scope of preserving the envelope of the building to preparing the upper floor for occupancy. These numbers will be shared with the Finance Committee on Monday night.

Having received no further discussion, the vote was unanimous.

4. **Resolution #09-09: Resolution supporting Emergency Planning efforts for V.C. Summer Nuclear Station Unit 1, as well as the proposed expansion of the Station.**

Mr. Adams stated that this was the Resolution that SCE&G was asking the County to support concerning the annual exercise relative to the VC Summer Nuclear Station and the expansion of its planning zone. Tommy Long, Emergency Services Coordinator, and staff have been involved for the past two days in the annual exercise. Staff supports the Resolution being requested by SCE&G.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve Resolution #09-09; seconded by Mr. Koon.

Chairman Livingston asked if there any further discussion.

Mr. Hipp stated his recusal from voting.

Having received no further discussion, the vote was unanimous with Mr. Hipp abstaining from the vote.

5. Confirmation of appointment of Renee Joiner to the Capital Project Sales Tax Commission in accordance with section 4-10-320 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the appointment of Renee Joiner to the Capital Project Sales Tax commission; seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The vote was unanimous.

6. Appointments

Mr. Stockman recommended the appointment of John W. Pugh of 95 Edgewater Drive, Prosperity to the Newberry County Hospital Board and stated he is the owner of Prosperity Drug Co.

Mr. Waldrop motioned to approve the appointment of John W. Pugh to the Newberry County Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Caldwell. The vote was unanimous.

7. Committee Reports

a. Economic Development Committee Meeting – September 28, 2009

Ms. Teresa Powers reported the following on the Economic Development Committee Meeting held on September 28, 2009:

- Mike Davenport and Bob Davenport of the Small Business Development Center made a presentation to the committee and shared the results of their progress to date and asked the County to continue their support of \$5,000.00 for the next year. The committee expressed their support for this request and the matter will come before full Council on October 21, 2009.
- Andy Morris and John David Dawkins made a presentation to the committee regarding the Newberry County Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is engaged in a strategic planning process and has requested Council's support of \$10,000.00 to implement this plan. The committee expressed their support of this request and the matter will come before Council at the next meeting.
- The committee was briefed on the Oakland Mill project and the requirement of an Intergovernmental Agreement for the distribution of tax revenue on the property. Mr. Adams provided the City of Newberry with the agreement which will be presented to City Council for their approval at their meeting on October 13, 2009 and will be presented to County Council for approval on October 21, 2009.
- The committee was briefed on the Industry Appreciation Banquet held at Steven W's. They raised \$3,000.00 in sponsorships which covered the food and beverage and the event was well attended with 75-100 people in attendance. At the event, they introduced the newcomer, Dalcotec, which will be locating in the Newberry County Industrial Park and the 2009 Economic Development Ambassador, Dr. Jim Wiseman, was announced.

- The committee was updated on the survey that was sent out to local manufacturing operations asking how the County could better serve them. The results of this survey will be reported at the next Economic Development meeting.
- The Mid-Carolina Commerce construction is continuing and is on schedule and looking to finish up in November. Preliminary landscaping and signage has been reviewed and will be presented at the next Economic Development Meeting.
- The committee was notified of the change in the meeting months to the 3rd Monday of the even months of the year and the rescheduling of the October meeting to Wednesday, October 21, 2009 @ 5:30 p.m.

Mr. Waldrop asked Ms. Powers for an update on the Loblolly Green project.

Ms. Powers said they were in the process of permitting, planning and design and were anticipating starting construction in the second quarter of 2010.

b. Public Safety and Courts Committee – October 5, 2009

Mr. Adams reported that the Public Safety and Courts Committee meet jointly with the Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee. The following items were discussed:

- The committee voted to recommend to Council a list of expenditures by the Rescue Squads for FY09-10 required under a proviso of the budget that Council approve those expenditures. This will come before Council at the meeting on October 21, 2009.
- Council will receive an update from Bill Grisby on October 21, 2009 on EMS coverage in the County in particular a sentiment for trying an EMS station in the Silverstreet area as part of the coverage configuration.
- The committee heard from Shelton Bontreger, CEO, of Newberry Co. Memorial Hospital about a \$95,000.00 cost overrun for the previous years EMS services. The was largely due to the drop in the collection rate not over expenditures by the ambulance service
- The recommended remedy was to treat EMS as a special revenue fund; meaning that at the end of the year if there are savings or cost overruns they would be absorbed by the service. They are looking to see how much EMS can save this year in terms of paying the hospital back instead of making a direct cash payment to the hospital to meet these overruns. It was noted that in previous years the hospital has consistently come in under budget or used less funding that was budgeted by the County.
- The committee was updated concerning the removal of offices from the Courthouse basement to the Clemson Extension Building. GIS, Planning and Zoning, Building Inspection and the Delinquent Tax Departments are expected to be moved to the Clemson Extension Building by the end of the month.
- Commercial property is being sought for relocating the Voter Registration Office. A proposal for this is expected to be presented as a contact matter in Executive Session to the Finance Committee on Monday night.

8. Public Comment (by those 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 Matter Discussed in Executive Session

No action.

12. Comments from County Administrator

No Comments.

13. Comments from Council Members

Chairman Livingston thanked Mr. Adams for working quickly to address the mold issue in the Courthouse basement.

14. Future Meetings

- a. County Council Meeting – October 21 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
- b. County Council Meeting – November 4, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. Finance Committee Meeting – October 12, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.
- d. Economic Development Committee Meeting – October 19, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m. (First meeting on new rotation)
- e. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee – October 26, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.

15. Vote to Adjourn

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

16. Adjournment

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL

Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman

APPROVED:

Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council