

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2010  
7:00 p.m.**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 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  
Edgar Baker, Councilman  
John E. Caldwell, 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 at 7:05 p.m. and determined a quorum present.

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

**1. Adoption of Consent Agenda**

Mr. Baker motioned to adopt the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

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

Mr. Hipp suggested that since we have such a large number of people signed up for public comments that it be moved to agenda item #3a to allow people to speak before we go through the ordinances.

Chairman Livingston responded that the majority of people are signed up to speak on agenda items #4, #5 and #6 concerning the proposed sale of the nursing homes. They

will have any opportunity to comment because it is the public hearing for these ordinances.

Chairman Livingston changed the order of several agenda items moving agenda item #4 to #6 and moving agenda item #6 to #4.

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

### **3. Personal Appearance**

- a. Alana West, Clemson Extension 4-H Agent

Chairman Livingston asked Mrs. West to the podium and welcomed her back to Newberry.

Mrs. West introduced herself as the new full-time Clemson Extension 4-H Agent for Newberry County. She distributed a brochure to members of Council and briefed them on the current programs they offer to youth between the ages of 15-19 and shared their plans for future programs. She has already contacted the newspaper and the radio station and hope they will cover the positive aspect of what they are trying to do. They will have a quarterly newsletter and a facebook page for posting updates. She said if there are any programs that you would like to see offered or any changes that you would like to make to please contact her with your recommendations.

Chairman Livingston commented that tonight we are scheduled for comments regarding the proposed sale of JF Hawkins/Springfield Place to Madison Healthcare through the public hearing process. We will allow everyone signed up the opportunity to address County Council and we will listen to your comments and concerns. We have three public hearings tonight dealing with this matter and will take the comments in the changed order as noted earlier. Each ordinance will have its own public hearing component. At the conclusion to all three public hearings, we will call upon Bob Norcross from Prestige Healthcare, responsible for the operations, and Craig Flashner with Madison Healthcare, principal owner, to address your comments. We will then take a short recess to allow people the opportunity to leave if they would like but you are more than welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting.

- 4. Ordinance #08-24-10: An Ordinance authorizing the amendment of the agreement for development for Joint County Industrial Park executed on October 18, 1995, by and among Newberry County, South Carolina, and Fairfield County, South Carolina, providing for the development of a Joint County Industrial and Business Park so as to include additional property in Newberry County as part of the Joint County Industrial Park, and other matters relating thereto.**

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

Having received to comments, Mr. Hipp motioned that the public hearing come to a close; seconded by Mr. Baker. The vote was unanimous.

5. **Ordinance #08-23-10: An Ordinance authorizing delivery by Newberry County of a Special Source Revenue Credit Agreement with Madison Healthcare Management, LLC or its designee and other matters related thereto.**

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing.

Having received no comments, Mr. Baker motioned that the public hearing come to a close; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

6. **Ordinance #08-21-10: An Ordinance for the purpose of selling the Jesse F. Hawkins and Springfield Place properties and transferring improvements and other personal property located on the two real estate parcels; to transfer the leasehold interest located at 1400 Camellia Avenue which is leased by Palmetto Health for hospice purposes; and to authorize execution of a purchase agreement with Madison Healthcare, LLC or its designee.**

Chairman Livingston declared this the public hearing. He asked each of the following citizens to the podium to share their concerns. They all thanked Council for allowing them the opportunity to speak and share their concerns.

George Warren of 369 Brown St. in Prosperity said he sent Council a letter on Monday (Attached and part of the official minutes) and wanted to see if they received it and wanted a response to it. Mr. Warren read the letter to members of Council.

Henry Summer of 1903 Main Street said that when someone you love is dying sometimes all you can do is come by and pay your respects. He is coming by to pay his respects tonight and has two questions for Council. He said the real estate market is very depressed and you have owned this facility since 1965; why sell now? Why not wait until the real estate market improves so that you can get a better price. He said he has done some research on the long term senior housing industry and trends are favorable. With the aging baby boomers and fewer caretakers due to people working, all mean that down the road there is going to be a tremendous demand for these types of facilities allowing you to get a better price.

Melvina Busby wanted the people who are purchasing the facilities to be excused and felt that they did not need to be present while we as a family discussed this important issue.

Chairman Livingston responded that with this being a public meeting, Council could not ask them to be excused from the meeting.

Mrs. Busby said they have been at all of the Council meetings and there are some things the residents would like to say to Council that they would not like to say to the future possible owners of Springfield Place but stated she was going to have her say anyway.

Mrs. Busby said Springfield Place is her home and she cherishes it very much. You are all good businessmen and a number of residents are wondering why you are considering only one buyer. Would it not be wise to put us out to a number of bidders if it is your desire to get the best price possible? She said when the buyers came to Springfield Place they were called Prestige and now you are calling them Madison. There needs to be some explanation about that. She said she personally feels that if you sell, you may be selling us to a wolf in sheep's clothing. They have spoken very confidently that they can do so much for them, but she is not sure that is possible by outsiders. They would like to have people in charge that are good southerners and South Carolinians. She said they are eager to buy because of all the tax considerations being given to them. Mrs. Busby said she is worried that the 190 employees will lose all of their hard earned benefits that cannot be rolled over into 401K's. They have a dedicated staff that may not be perfect but they never stop trying to do the very best for all of the residents.

Mrs. Busby said her research shows that the buyers do not have any experience in managing an independent and assisted living. All of their facilities are nursing homes. If Council is not equipped to run these facilities, you are smart enough to employ employee personnel who are smart enough. Your hearts are hardened and you are taking the easy way out rather than live up to your responsibility to continue to own and efficiently operate these facilities for the well and the sick senior adults.

Stan Renwick said that his understanding was the County is classifying the Springfield/Hawkins as a multi-county industrial park so that the purchaser can gain tax exemptions of roughly \$2,669,000.00 over the next ten years so that this privately held, for profit company, will come here. It was also his understanding that the designation as an industrial park previously required that a business (1) create jobs and (2) that it make something and Prestige and Madison will do neither. His question to Council is where does the line form and who will be taking the applications for designation as an industrial park with the hundreds of other businesses in Newberry County, including White Oak Manor who is also privately held and for profit.

David Dorroh stated that he resides at 1207 Fair St. in Newberry. He said this is a very emotional situation and he did not want Council to take it personally. He admires that they give their time and the efforts required to govern our County when most are not willing to do that. His one question is very simple. How can we not be capable of continuing to run the nursing home that we've been running since 1965 when our neighbors in Saluda County do it everyday. Are we not as smart as they are or do we not have as good a leadership and stated certainly this cannot be the case.

Jerry Coffey of 1228 Crenshaw St. said his understanding of the reasoning to sell was the deferred maintenance. He asked what maintenance problems were out there and what the

cost was. He stated that the County has a 12 million dollars surplus and wondered why that could not be used to help with this deferred maintenance when needed.

James Williams stated that he resided at 1229 Park Dr. and was a life long resident of Newberry County. He said he has a number of concerns, some of which have already been expressed. He was curious to know what the purchase price of the facilities was going to be and noted that Council will be retiring the revenue bonds if the property is sold. He wanted to know what the penalty was going to be to retire these bonds early and how much of the purchase price is going to be eaten up in things like real estate fees and other costs associated with the sale. He said he thought we will be coming up way short financially for what the property is worth. He would really like for it not to be sold because he has a family and emotional attachment. He is also concerned about what the situation is going to be like 6, 8, 10 years down the road.

Debbie Haltiwanger of 2202 Evans Circle said that she has addressed most of Council over the phone and she was at the first meeting. She wanted to encourage each member of Council to put themselves in the place of the residents at these facilities and in the place of those who will soon be there before they voted. She questioned if this was only about the money or the elderly. She said the Bible says true religion is taking care of the orphans and widows and it is our duty to take care of them.

George Burke of 325 Crosson St stated that he moved to Newberry in 1992. A lot of questions have already been asked and his concern is that he is in his late seventies and is considering making Springfield Place his home one day and he has a lot of friends out there. He said he thought it depended on which set of figures you were looking at to determine whether the facilities are making money or loosing money. He said he thought if things were discussed up front, there might have been a more favorable response. He said not being able to hire competent help does not fly. He commented that if the County was not equipped to run a nursing home, then it must not be equipped to run an airport, a transfer station or a dog shelter. What you do is hire people who are equipped to do it. He asked Council to put themselves in the shoes of the residents who have sold their homes and looking for some final peace in their last days without the worry of having to come up with a whole new family. He asked Council to think very carefully before making their decision.

Linda Renwick of 134 Shady Lane shared that it will be very hard to compete with other areas and counties without the County's biggest asset which is the golden triangle or health triangle (JF Hawkins/Springfield Place and Newberry County Memorial Hospital) It cannot be replaced after this sale goes through. She said through her real estate business she hears the reasons why people may want to live hear and why they may not. The golden triangle is the number two spot on her tour of this community. There are other communities that do not have this. She said they have been successful in recruiting retirement age people to the area but not so lucky with the younger families who are choosing other areas. She has utilized Springfield for her own family in that health triangle and has used two of those facilities at one time. It would have been very difficult for her family to have managed without these facilities. She felt the decision has already

been made and stated she will miss the number two spot on the tour. She said some of the newest and best citizens have moved into this County. You see them at all kinds of civic and charitable activities and they have brought a great deal of talent here. Mrs. Renwick said that she believes that this real estate in the center of the County seat is highly valuable and that sometimes the first offer is not always the best offer. These facilities are attempting to pay their own way and if they were run properly, then it should pay its own way. Please consider Newberry County without this valuable asset. She said she thinks the facilities are priceless and asked Council to consider leasing them to these gentlemen for a period of time to see if this would check out OK first.

John Paul Whitaker of 2107 Main Street and life long resident said he could not put the figures together to come up with why we should sell these facilities. He has a lot of family ties and emotions of those that got the place started. When you sell something, you loose control of it. He understands that one company is going to buy it and another is going to manage it and cannot figure out why we couldn't try that. If we can't hire a manager, we could hire a management firm to take care of it and see where that goes. Mr. Whitaker said we have to speak up for the older people because they are the ones who got us to where we are; those are the ones we need to look out for. He said he did not see how we can sell it without having some doubt and stated he was always told that too much doubt don't do.

Lewis Lever said that his mother and father sold part of the property that JF Hawkins sits on and he thinks the facilities are outstanding. He said his heart goes out to the residents and employees during this time. He has talked with a lot of people throughout the County and he is in support of the sale and would not invest his own money in something that had no return. He wanted to commend County Council for making hard decisions and said if it was left up to him, you would see a for sale sign in front of the hospital too. A former County Council had the opportunity to sell the hospital to Palmetto. He said he felt the changes to the nursing homes would benefit the patients and the employees and trusted that those representing us will accept nothing less. His confidence is in them and he will support them 100%.

Chairman Livingston invited Bob Norcross to the podium.

Bob Norcross of Prestige Healthcare said he was going to do his best to go over the list that he gathered from the comments. He said provisions are being made that they will not raise rates above a certain amount for a very long period of time. Anyone who has a current placement in either facility, has a current valid payer source, and is paying will not be removed or relocated. If their payment changes from private pay to Medicaid, they have continued placement in those facilities. He said that a lot of the concerns you have expressed would be wrong and not very smart on our part. If we came in and did anything other than this, it would be detrimental to us. When there are comments made that we are not from South Carolina or that we may present ourselves differently; he will go along with that but there is a potential that you could be really pleased. He will personally give references of people he has cared for and their loved one. We are not here to make this a bad move. Right now, most of the new and renewable funding is

trying to be siphoned away from any type of institutional care to home care based services. The goal is to keep individuals the most comfortable and suitable within their community. There is not enough growth, property or care givers to bring all these needs into an institutional setting; some of the funding will go toward allowing people to be cared for in their own homes. County's have an obligation to provide a service with tax dollars and one of those obligations is not to run a nursing home which is very high risk. Madison fully owns Prestige and he is the CEO of Prestige. Madison is the investment and real estate side and he is on the operating side and his message is that employees care about the residents as they are caring for them, within state guidelines, financially responsible and to the best of their ability. He said he hopes they become the number one stop on the tour. Their goal is to enhance the operations from their experience. As far as retirement, he was not aware of anyone losing their benefits but they have a 401K plan they will offer which employees will be entitled to after one year of service and they will match through each paycheck. All employees that are employed today will be offered positions at their current rate of pay with no questions asked. They expect to hire additional individuals in direct care, specific management assistant type roles and physical plant and environmental positions. They also guarantee to do a minimum of \$500,000.00 in improvements to the facilities within the first eighteen months. They are going to meet with the residents and their families for their input on improvements but JF Hawkins needs some immediate attention and that is where the initial funds will go. Springfield Place is very reasonably priced and is an excellent community but he can't figure out why it is not full. There are things not being done and programs that are not being offered and feels there is room for improvement and should draw more people. This is a very complex industry that takes a lot of tools, efforts, guidance, training, and expertise to do it well and to keep it financially stable. It is changing all the time. Their job will be to make sure that relief is competent, caring, and consistent and meets the standards and they want feedback from the ones they will be serving.

Craig Flashner, one of the principal owners of Madison and Prestige Healthcare said it is very difficult to accept change. He said over the last 27 years, they have acquired around 100 facilities and whether it was privately owned or a public company, families and residents are concerned and they should be. The County Council has done an amazing job on the amount of due diligence that they have done on our company. He said he has never acquired a facility where the seller of the facility did this extensive amount of due diligence and looked into them as a company and its people. Mr. Flashner said they have done well in this industry because all of their key people are medical professionals and they are hugely experienced. It is easy for us to say we are going to do a great job; the proof will be when we get here. He will go on record as saying that when they acquire the facilities, a year from now, every family here will be more than pleased that they are involved in this endeavor. As Bob stated earlier, this industry is ridiculously complex. We're the second most regulated industry in the country with regulations changing hourly on the way you can bill and on what you can do and can't do. You need a team of people that spend their life doing this to really keep up with what is going on. Mr. Flashner said you could hire a manager but someone has got to oversee that manager. If that manager does not have a vested interest in the facility, it doesn't always seem to work very well. Obviously, we will have a vested interest in these facilities. Our interests are very well

aligned; if we do a good job taking care of resident and we do what we do, everything else will fall into place. He said he walked around Springfield Place and he was a little disappointed in a building of that age having several issues. He said it may be because he has a more critical eye because he has been in real estate for a long, long, time. One thing about us is we are not a big company and we will act. He stated that employees of his facilities have access to him; all key employees have his cell phone number. If they do not like what Bob or regional has to say, they call him. Their goal in all of their buildings is to listen to the residents and the families; those are who we serve and we recognize that.

There was a question from the audience asking what kind of guarantee could they give that they would not up and sell it in 5 years.

Mr. Flashner said he did not know if there was a guarantee in life about anything but we have historically have not sold any of our buildings in the last 7-10 year but do not have any intentions of selling and plan on doing this for the next 25-30 years. He said he did not think anyone in the room could guarantee what they are going to do in the next ten years and he would not ask them too. We have acquired 16 facilities since 2006 and obviously are not looking to sell buildings.

Mr. Caldwell asked Mr. Flashner how many of those buildings do they still have.

Mr. Flashner replied that they have all of them.

There were some questions from the audience regarding repayment of taxes should the company sell and guarantees for employee job security.

Chairman Livingston stated that they could not comment of the actual contents of the contract but Council is working on these provisions and trying to take due diligence in taking care of the employees.

Chairman Livingston asked the Council members if they had any comments.

Mr. Stockman commented that he understood all of you're their pain and it is hard to accept change. On a personal level, he has looked at all of the issues and Council is not going to make a decision until we have addressed all of the issues you have brought up. Mr. Stockman said his decision will be made based on all of the issues to the best of his ability.

Mr. Hipp thanked everyone for coming and sharing their opinion. It is very good to have the community come out and express their opinions on an issue. A number of you have brought up items that we are not at liberty to discuss concerning the specifics of the contract. He can tell you he has written down comments and concerns of a nature to protect employees and residents and those items have been discussed and are being considered in the contract. We have a difficult decision and he hopes the decision will be the best for the residents and employees.

Mr. Baker thanked everyone who spoke. He said he has a list of all concerns expressed here tonight and he guarantees they will talk about them.

Mr. Caldwell said we need to look at the care that we have been giving for years and determine if it is no longer adequate for the residents. We have the highest percentage of senior citizens than any other county in this state. Yes, change is great, but in his opinion if it is not broken, you do not fix it.

Mr. Koon stated that everything that you have expressed will be taken into consideration. Probably 95% has already been looked at and taken into consideration. If you have any other concerns or need to speak with us one on one, please contact us. It can be on any issue not just the nursing home.

Mr. Waldrop said he knew most of you are concerned about the decision that Council will make in the next few weeks. We have had some problems with the nursing home over the years. We have tried to manage it in different ways and it seems to never work out. He said he wants the best for the residents and employees at these facilities and he for one will not make the decision to sell it to these people if he did not think they were the right group to run the facilities. He said Council is going to try to make the right decision for everyone concerned.

Chairman Livingston said he is proud to say that the majority of the issues that were brought to our attention tonight are issues we have already addressed. He thanked Mr. Baker, Mr. Koon, Mrs. Montgomery, Mr. Wicker and Mrs. Gambill for going unannounced to the Madison facilities and their due diligence there.

Chairman Livingston said if there was anyone who had a question that did not feel comfortable asking that it could be mailed to some of them and Council will address it the best we can. It is the intentions of this Council to insure that the best care is available for the residents of these facilities. He thanked everyone for coming out and expressing their concerns.

Having received no further comments, Mr. Hipp motioned that the public hearing come to a close; seconded by Mr. Baker. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Livingston called for a 10 minute recess at 8:30 p.m.

Chairman Livingston returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

- 7. Ordinance #08-20-10: 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 two (2) real estate parcels totaling eight hundred and twenty-five thousandths (0.825) acres, one parcel containing forty-eight hundredths (0.48) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 404-19, the other parcel**

**containing three and forty-five thousandths (0.345) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 404-04 from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to General Commercial (GC).**

Mr. Caldwell motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #08-20-10; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

- 8. Ordinance #08-22-10: 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 two (2.0) acres real estate parcel designated as TMS Parcel No. 298-37 from Rural (R2) to Limited Commercial (LC).**

Mr. Baker motioned to approve third reading of Ordinance #08-22-10; seconded by Mr. Stockman. The vote was unanimous.

- 9. Ordinance #10-25-10: 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 two (2) real estate parcels totaling three and two hundred and seven ten-thousandths (3.0207) acres, one parcel containing two and forty four hundredths (2.44) acres designated as TMS Parcel No. 457-9, the other parcel containing fifty eight and seven ten-thousandths (0.5807) acres designated as TMS No. 457-29 from Single Family Residential (RS-1) to General Commercial (GC).**

Mrs. Peters stated that the two parcels in questions are located on the CR Koon Hwy. adjacent to Colony Church and are currently zoned Single Family Residential (RS-1). The owners would like to have these parcels rezoned to General Commercial (GC). The staff and Planning Commission both approve the rezoning of these parcels.

Mr. Baker motioned to approve first reading; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

- 10. Consideration of disbursement of funds approved and recommended by the Accommodation's Tax Committee – Ernie Shealy, Chairman and Debbie Cromer, Finance Director**

Mr. Shealy reported that Council should have a report of their recommendations for the disbursement of tourism/promotional related funds and asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Baker said that all agencies received basically less than what they received in the previous year, except for the Newberry Visitor's Center. He asked if there was an explanation as to why it was higher than the others.

Mrs. Cromer explained that the Visitor's Center requested \$28,000.00 and previously only requested \$15-16,000.00. There is only \$2,000.00 additional funding this year over last year.

Mr. Stockman wanted to know how we could increase some and not others.

Mrs. Cromer stated that the agencies requested a total of \$56,793.00 in funding and there was only \$38,865.30 to be divided. They rolled back to last years expenses and took a 5% reduction for the exception of the request from the Chamber where they took ½ of that amount with a 5% reduction. We could not fund them all at the current level they requested.

Chairman Livingston asked how much the Capital City Lake Murray was actually getting.

Mrs. Cromer reported that Capital City Lake Murray received \$4,000.00 last year. It is hard to say because we have to disburse that money upon receipt and their portion is 24% of whatever we get.

Chairman Livingston asked if there was a requirement that we continue with Capital City Lake Murray and could we explore what we are getting for that money.

Mr. Shealy said they are our promotional agent for our four county regions. They are filling our hotels with the bass tournaments on Lake Murray. There has even been some discussion among the committee that we need to raise their allotment as they are doing a lot for our county.

Mrs. Cromer reported that the request came for promotional funding for Lake Murray specifically. They have various fishing tournaments through the year bringing in 54,000 visitors and vendors. Fishermen stay in our area hotels and purchase food and gas. They also help promote the celebration at Billy Dreher Island which brings in 121,000 people and the Purple Martin Gourd Tours that bring in around 30,000 our way. They are budgeted at \$614,000.00 for marketing so we only pay a small portion of that.

Mr. Hipp motioned to approve the recommendation for the Accommodation's Tax funding; seconded by Mr. Waldrop. The vote was unanimous.

## **11. Appointments**

Chairman Livingston asked all Council members to review the appointment vacancy sheet that Mrs. Renwick placed in your packets.

## **12. Committee Reports**

### **a. Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee, Sept. 20, 2010 – Mr. Stockman, Chairman**

Mr. Stockman reported that the Personnel and Intergovernmental Relations Committee met on Monday, September 20, 2010 and the following was discussed.

- Geri Gambill and Kathy Montgomery gave updates on JF Hawkins/Springfield Place
- Wanda Hill made a recommendation for the Christmas holiday observance for County employees
- Discussion of improvements to the employee recognition program and the County's classification and compensation plan
- Gerdi Lake briefed the committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter recreational programs

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

No comments

**14. Vote for Executive Session, When Necessary**

No vote for Executive Session

**15. Executive Session**

No Executive Session

**16. Necessary Action on Matter Discussed in Executive Session**

No Action

**17. Comments from County Administrator**

No comments

**18. Comments/Requests from Council Members**

Chairman Livingston thanked everyone for all the work put into making these meetings successful.

**19. Future Meetings**

- a. Public Works and Planning Committee – Oct. 11, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
- b. County Council – Oct. 20, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.
- c. “On the Move with Margaret” – Oct. 25, 2010 @ 9:30 a.m.
- d. Finance Committee – Oct. 25, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.
- e. County Council – Nov. 3, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

**20. Vote to Adjourn**

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

**21. Adjournment**

Chairman Livingston declared the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

**APPROVED:**

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**Laurie N. Renwick, Clerk to Council**