

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
June 3, 2026**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, June 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry Opera House at 1201 McKibben Street, Newberry, SC, for a regular scheduled meeting.

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

PRESENT: Robert Shealy, Chairman  
Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman  
Leon Fulmer, Council Member  
Todd Johnson, Council Member (virtual)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member  
Stuart Smith, Council Member  
Ted Luckadoo, County Administrator  
Joanie Winters, County Attorney  
Karen Brehemer, Deputy County Administrator  
Major Ben Chapman, NCSO  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director  
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO  
Eric Nieto, IT Director  
Josh Rowe, Public Works Director  
Katie Werts, Planning and Zoning Director  
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

MEDIA: Tanner Gilmartin, WIS

1. Call to order: Robert Shealy, Chairman.
  - Mr. Shealy called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Travis Reeder, Council Member.
  - Mr. Reeder led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – May 20, 2026.
- b. Newberry County Council Minutes – May 20, 2026.

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

4. Approval of Agenda.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

5. Special Appearance:

- There were no special appearances.

6. Administrator's Report:

- Mr. Luckadoo forwent his report until the June 17, 2026, meeting.

7. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Shealy said he appreciated everyone in attendance and that they care for Newberry County, as he does.

8. Public Hearings:

- a. Ordinance 05-02-2026. Rezoning property at the corner of Wise Street and Wilson Road, consisting of one acre from GC-General Commercial to R2-Rural. (TMS No. 399-56).
  - There were no public comments for this ordinance.
- b. Ordinance 05-04-2026. Rezoning property at 5576 SC Hwy 121-34, Newberry, consisting of 10 acres from R2-Rural to RS-Single Family Residential. (TMS No. 295-39).

- Ms. Kathey Lindsay spoke against the ordinance.

9. Public Comments Regarding Items on the Agenda (three minutes).

- The following residents spoke against a data center in Newberry County: Abby Griffin, Amanda Moss, Lillie Hunter, Julia Pinckney, Tracy Clifford, Sophie Egleston, Emily Poole, Lorri Shannon, Kathleen Erickson, Chuck Fellows, Rhonda Johnson, Vicki Bilka, Steve McKean, Charlie Stuck, Mark Mickey, Philip Armstrong, Eric Alford, Karen Johnson, Ken Bradly, Fran Smitherman, Tony Caldwell, Becky Boland, Constance Ravell, Michael Alfaro, John Ellison, Megan Setzler.
- Ms. Engle Thompson spoke on the residency of the County Administrator.

10. Old Business:

- a. Third Reading – Ordinance 03-01-2026. allowing Newberry County to enter into an option and purchase agreement with Project Altair for Economic Development Purposes.
  - With no member of council making a motion to accept, the ordinance failed.
- b. Second Reading – Ordinance 05-02-2026. Rezoning property at the corner of Wise Street and Wilson Road, consisting of one acre from GC-General Commercial to R2-Rural. (TMS No. 399-56).
  - Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept second reading; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- c. Second Reading – Ordinance 05-04-2026. Rezoning property at 5576 SC Hwy 121-34, Newberry, consisting of 10 acres from R2-Rural to RS-Single Family Residential. (TMS No. 295-39).
  - Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept second reading; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Fulmer and Mr. Sease voting against.
- d. Second Reading – Ordinance 05-05-2026. Acceptance of Goggans Drive, Goggans Court, and Fawn Court into the Newberry County Roads System.

- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to postpone second reading until December 16, 2026, in order for Newberry County to secure the rights-of-way; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 5-2 with Mr. Sease and Mr. Scurry voting against.

11. New Business:

- a. Discussion and possible vote of Ordinance 06-01-2026 to provide for a limited and temporary moratorium on Data Centers in Newberry County and invoking application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine – First Reading by Title Only.
  - Mr. Johnson lost connection and was no longer present during the meeting.
  - Mr. Sease made a motion to accept first reading in title only; Mr. Fulmer provided the second.
  - Mr. Fulmer asked for clarification that they would be able to extend the moratorium after 12 months. Mr. Shealy said that is correct, and that they cannot pass a moratorium without a timeline, per state law.
  - The motion carried 4-2, with Mr. Reeder and Mr. Scurry voting against.

12. Appointments:

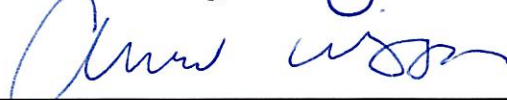
- There were no appointments.

13. Adjournment.

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

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Minutes Approved: 6-17-2026