

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
August 5, 2026**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry County Council Chambers at 1309 College 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
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 Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Major Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Rick Farmer, Economic Development Director
Coroner Laura Kneece, NCCO
Donna Lominack, Auditor
Jessie Long, Economic Development Coordinator
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Scott Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Leon Fulmer, Council Member

1. Call to order: Robert Shealy, Chairman.

- Mr. Shealy called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.
- Mr. Shealy announced that Mr. Fulmer was unable to attend the meeting following back surgery on Monday and he was not mobile enough to attend.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Robert Shealy, Chairman.

- Mr. Shealy led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – July 15, 2026.
- b. Newberry County Council Minutes – July 15, 2026.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

4. Approval of Agenda.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to accept the agenda as presented; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

5. Proclamations/Resolutions:

- None.

6. Administrator's Report:

a. Project Updates.

- Mr. Luckadoo reminded everyone about early voting for the special primary for the Senate Seat and the election date of August 11.
- A meeting was held with the Central Midlands Council of Governments staff regarding the update to their long-term transportation plan to discuss known transportation issues throughout Newberry County. This does not include road resurfacing type projects.
- The Newberry County Accommodations Tax Advisory Board will accept applications by August 7, and they will meet on August 13 to make a recommendation to Newberry County Council by the next meeting.

7. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Shealy passed along condolences to Mr. Smith and his wife on the passing of Ms. Ringer. He also asked everyone to keep Mr. Fulmer in their prayers for a speedy recovery, along with everyone else in the community going through a hard time.

8. Public Hearings:

- a. Ordinance 07-01-2026. To provide for the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond, not exceeding \$650,000 principal amount, to provide for the payment of 2014 Installment Purchase Revenue bond and 2026 Lease Purchase.
- Mr. Tyler Johnson said it hasn't been mentioned yet, but he was wondering if this pays off the 2014 bond, and he wanted to know that detail.

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

- There were no public comments.

10. Old Business:

- a. Second Reading – Ordinance 07-01-2026. To provide for the issuance and sale of a general obligation bond, not exceeding \$650,000 principal amount, to provide for the payment of 2014 Installment Purchase Revenue bond and 2026 Lease Purchase.
- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept second reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

11. New Business:

- a. Resolution 04-2026. Declaring the Intention of Newberry County to Reimburse Itself for Certain Expenditures Relating to the 2026-2027 Lease-Purchase.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept the Resolution; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- b. First Reading – Ordinance 08-01-2026. Authorizing the Execution of an Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement in an Amount Not Exceeding \$2,475,000

for the Purchase of 1 Fire Truck, 2 Ambulances, 1 Dump Truck, One Trailer, and One Patching Machine.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept first reading; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- c. First Reading – Ordinance 08-02-2026 Amending the Text of Newberry County Code of Ordinances Relating to Single Site Burials.
- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept first reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second. Ms. Winters requested they withdraw the second, and motion so they can then include amendments. Mr. Reeder withdrew his second, Mr. Sease then withdrew his motion.
 - Ms. Winters requested with the new motion to include an amendment to require a certificate of appointment for the personal representative and a reference to state law for the penalties for not following the ordinance.
 - Mr. Sease made a motion to accept first reading as amended; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- d. Consideration and approval of a bid for the Downtown Newberry Amphitheater and Pavillion 2022 CPST (RFP 2026-11).
- Ms. Waldrop said they solicited bids for the Downtown Amphitheater and Pavilion, CPST 2022 project. Three bids were received and the low bid came in from Solid Structures at \$4,069,180 and staff recommend the low bid and alternate one in the amount \$231,000 (bar, kitchen, storage room). That brings the total bid to \$4,300,180.
 - Mr. Scurry made a motion to accept the low bid from Solid Structures; Mr. Smith provided the second.
 - Mr. Johnson said they talked about this during the Work Session and this is the lowest bid and accommodations are being made for the second alternate, as much as possible.
 - The motion carried 6-0.

12. County Council may take action on matters discussed during executive session during the 5 p.m. meeting.

- No action was taken.

13. Appointments:

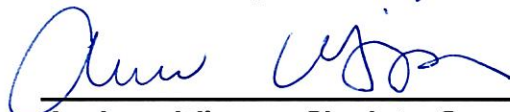
- a. Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board – District 5.
 - Mr. Smith nominated Ms. Jacquelyn Mohler to the Newberry County Memorial Hospital Board; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- b. Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board.
 - Mr. Sease nominated Ms. Jessie Long to the Upper Savannah Workforce Development Board; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

14. Adjournment.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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Robert Shealy, Chairman


Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 8-19-2025