NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 21, 2026

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, October 21, 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: Karl Sease, Chairman
Travis Reeder, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Robert Shealy, Councilman
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
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order: Karl Sease, Chairman.

   - Mr. Sease called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

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

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

3. Adoption of Minutes:
   a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – October 7, 2026.
   b. Newberry County Council Minutes – October 7, 2026.

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

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Proclamations/Resolutions:

- None.

6. Administrator's Report:
   a. Employee Recognitions: Odell Schumpert (Retirement, NCSO).

- Sheriff Lee Foster recognized Mr. Schumpert on his recent retirement highlighting his career with the NCSO.

   b. Project Updates.

- Mr. Luckadoo said there will be a groundbreaking for the Newberry Amphitheater on Thursday, November 12 at 11 a.m. This will involve the City of Newberry and Newberry Opera House.
- The Delinquent Tax Sale will be held on Monday, November 9 at Piedmont Technical College, registration at 9 a.m. and the sale at 10 a.m.
- Early voting has begun and will continue until October 31.

7. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Sease said the county cannot do anything without great employees, and he thanks Mr. Odell for his years of service.

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

- No comments.

9. Old Business:

- None.

10. New Business:
    a. Council approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Newberry and Newberry County related to 1107 Harrington Street, Newberry.

- Mr. Luckadoo said the City of Newberry has already voted and signed the MOU.
- Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept; Mr. Shealy provided the second.
- Mr. Johnson said they are not giving up this building, if the Newberry Opera House does not get the grant the building will be returned to the county immediately, if they do get the grant the building will be returned to the county at the end of the grant period.
- The motion carried 7-0.

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

- No action was taken.

12. Appointments.

- There were no appointments.

13. Adjournment.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Johnson provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

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Karl Sease, Chairman

Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 11-4-2026