

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 2, 2025**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 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
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Liz MacDonald, Assessor
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

Mr. Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

Mr. Sease led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – March 19, 2025.
- b. Newberry County Council Meeting – March 19, 2025.

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

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

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

3. Ordinance No. 03-01-2025. An Ordinance Establishing a Temporary Moratorium on the Subdivision of a Tract of Land Into Five Lots or More, Invoking Application of the Pending Ordinance Doctrine, and Protecting Existing Vested Rights as Required by Applicable Law.

a. Public Hearing (five minutes).

- Mr. Shealy declared the Public Hearing open. With no one signed up, Mr. Shealy closed the Public Hearing.

b. Third Reading.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept third reading; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

4. Consideration and Approval of a Proposal for Architectural and Engineering Services for the Whitmire Downtown Streetscape Project (Bid Number 2025-2).

- Mr. Shacker said this is via a Community Development Block Grants for streetscape enhancements in downtown Whitmire, in conjunction with the Capital Projects Sales Tax renovations of the gym. This first stage of this project is to get an engineer.
- Five submissions were received for this project, and The Land

Plan Group received the highest score and is the recommended engineer.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve The Land Plan Group as the engineer; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

5. Appointments.

a. Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority – District 4.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to appoint Mr. Jerry Koon; Mr. Johnson provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

b. Building, Fire, Nuisance Board – District 1.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Mike Johnson; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

c. Library Board – District 1.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Ms. Susan Lawson; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

d. Joint Planning Commission District 1.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Mr. Alan Jenkins; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

6. Public Comments (three minutes).

- There were no public comments.

7. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker said he appreciated all of the feedback council provided for the proposed 2025-26 budget.
- Mr. Shacker said they have two CPST projects that will move into the bid state in the next 30 days, the Whitmire and Pomaria projects. They will be closely followed by the projects in Prosperity and Little Mountain, as well as the Detention Center if they can get assistance moving the monitoring wells.

8. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Smith thanked everyone for coming out, and thanked Newberry County first responders, and that several crews went to the upstate to assist with the fires.
- Mr. Scurry said good to see everyone out at the meeting.
- Mr. Fulmer thanked everyone for coming out and reiterated his appreciation to first responders across the county and the employees around the county.
- Mr. Sease thanked everyone for coming out and thanked constituents for sending questions to be asked during the Budget Work Session.
- Mr. Shealy told staff they did a great job with the budget. He said they are going in a positive direction.


9. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – April 16 at 5 p.m. (CANCELLED)
- b. Newberry County Council – April 16 at 6 p.m. (CANCELLED)
- c. Good Friday – April 18, Offices Closed.
- d. Newberry County Public Safety Committee – April 28 at 5 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Council Work Session – May 7 at 5 p.m.
- f. Newberry County Council – May 7 at 6 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

- Scurry made a motion do adjourn; Mr. Smith provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

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Robert "Nick" Shealy, Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 5-7-2025