

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 16, 2026**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at 6:07 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
Leon Fulmer, Council Member
Todd Johnson, Council Member
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
Sheriff Lee Foster, NCSO
Donna Lominack, Auditor
Eric Nieto, IT Director
Kelly Nobles, Probate Judge
Scott Sawyer, Special Projects Coordinator
Karen Lindler Smith, Treasurer
Crystal Waldrop, Purchasing Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

1. Call to order: Robert Shealy, Chairman.

- Mr. Shealy called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: Todd Johnson, Councilman.

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

3. Adoption of Minutes:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – September 2, 2026.
 - b. Newberry County Council Minutes – September 2, 2026.
- Mr. Scurry made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

4. Approval of Agenda.

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

5. Proclamations/Resolutions:

a. Hispanic Heritage Month.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to approve the Proclamation; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Ms. Liz Rivera and Ms. Maria Medrano-Reyes accepted a copy of the Proclamation.

b. National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to approve the Proclamation; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Dr. Terry Fellers accepted a copy of the Proclamation.

6. Administrator's Report:

- a. Employee Recognitions: Betty Boulware (15 years, Treasurer's Office), Alyson Jenkins (10 years, Probate Court), Zenda McClurkin (Retirement, Public Safety).

- Ms. Karen Lindler Smith, Ms. Kelly Nobles, and Mr. Tommy Long recognized the employees listed above for their years of service to Newberry County, highlighting their accomplishments.

b. Project Updates.

- Mr. Luckadoo gave an update on CPST projects including the Newberry County Detention Center, Gallman Place, Public Safety Complex, and Prosperity Parks. He also gave an update on the Subertown/Gary Street sidewalk projects in Whitmire.

7. Chairman's Comments.

- Mr. Shealy congratulated all recognized employees, adding that they have a great group of people with Newberry County.
- Mr. Shealy said he has appreciated all of the support council has shown him over the last two years as chairman. He announced that this would be his last meeting as chairman as he has taken on a new position, and he believes it warrants more time during the day. He will remain on Newberry County Council.
- Vice Chairman Sease will act as chairman until the next regular scheduled meeting, at which time there will be a special election for chairman and vice chairman to serve the remainder of the year.

8. Presentation by Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District -- Commissioner Toni Warren.

- Ms. Warren provided an update on the Newberry Soil and Water Conservation District to include the installation of a raised bed memorial garden in Willowbrook Park in honor of the 25th anniversary of 9/11, the Messiest Yard Mini grant, road cleanups, and more.

9. Public Hearings:

- a. Ordinance 08-05-2026. An ordinance authorizing a multi-county industrial/business park agreement between Newberry County and Greenwood County for property owned by Project Pearl Dust or its affiliates or assigns, and other matters related thereto.

- Ms. Vicki Bilka spoke about infrastructure and what studies are being done and what the impact of the impact will be.

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

- There were no public comments.

11. Old Business:

- a. Third Reading - Ordinance 08-03-2026. Rezoning property at US Highway 76, Little Mountain consisting of 6.33 acres from RS-Single Family Residential to R2-Rural. (TMS No. 640-87).
- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept third reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- b. Third Reading - Ordinance 08-04-2026. Rezoning property at 79 Rader Road, Prosperity consisting of 3.025 acres from GC-General Commercial to R2-Rural. (TMS No. 651-43).
- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to accept third reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- c. Third Reading – Ordinance 08-05-2026. An ordinance authorizing a multi-county industrial/business park agreement between Newberry County and Greenwood County for property owned by Project Pearl Dust or its affiliates or assigns, and other matters related thereto.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to accept third reading; Mr. Smith provided the second the motion carried 7-0.
- Mr. Luckadoo said as previously announced, Project Pearl Dust is a company called Vitreus, they are out of Germany and have selected Newberry County as their first North American manufacturing location. They manufacture pigments that are used in block and brick manufacturing. They will locate into 200 Park Avenue, Newberry, an existing facility.

- Ms. Winters also reminded the council that this industrial park is not a physical park.
- Mr. Shealy also added that this will not be a big strain on anything.

12. New Business:

- a. Approval of bid for Gallman Place Interior Renovations a 2022 CPST Project (2026-10).
 - Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the low bid from Cinderella Partners, Inc. in the amount of \$1,929,330 and the alternate in the amount of \$33,125, for a total of \$1,962,455; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- b. Approval of bid for Mid-Carolina Commerce Park Spec Building Pad and Roadway Improvements (2026-13).
 - Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the low bid from Contractor Services of Kershaw, LLC in the amount of \$2,041,726.64; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

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

- Mr. Smith made a motion to accept bid from MB Kahn in the amount of \$4,788,483 for the CPST amphitheater project after the original low bidder, who was originally awarded the project, withdrew their bid; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.

14. Appointments:

- There were no appointments.

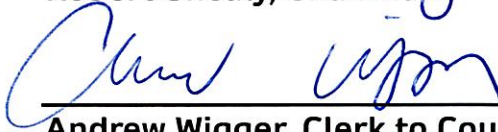
15. Adjournment.

- Mr. Johnson made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 7-0.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



Robert Shealy, Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 10-7-26