

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 06, 2024

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, March 06, 2024, 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: Todd Johnson, Chairman
Robert N. Shealy, Vice-Chairman
Les Hipp, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Karl Sease, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director
Major Robert Dennis, NCSO
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member

MEDIA: Orion Griffin, The Newberry Observer

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Hipp led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – February 21, 2024.
 - b. Newberry County Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2024.
 - c. Newberry County Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – February 26, 2024.
- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the minutes as published; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to adopt the agenda as published; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

3. Ordinance No. 02-01-2024. An Ordinance to adopt the Newberry County 2023-2033 Comprehensive Plan as mandated by the South Carolina Local Government Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994, as amended; and to provide for the repeal of all prior Comprehensive Plans and Ordinances.

a. Third Reading

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to approve third reading; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

4. Ordinance No. 02-02-2024. An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of Northshore Road located within Edgewater Shores Subdivision into the Newberry County Public Road System – Michael Pisano, Public Works Director

a. Public Hearing

- Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing open. With no one signing up or standing up to speak, Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing closed.

b. Second Reading

- Mr. Sease made a motion to approve second reading; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

5. County Council may take action(s) following executive session on matters discussed during executive session.

- Mr. Johnson made mention that the 5 p.m. meeting was just a Work Session and not an executive session.
- Mr. Hipp made a motion that was a verification that Newberry County Council has no objection to the closure and removal of a portion of Rawls Road (from Suber Road to the Rawls Road Bridge) from the Newberry County Road System; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0.

6. Appointments.

- There were no appointments.

7. Public Comments.

- There were no public comments.

8. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker said they did receive notification, and it is not final because it has to be approved by the Federal Energy Agency, but the S.C. Energy Office let Newberry County know that the application for \$75,000 to replace heating and air units (targeting units with the old R22 Refrigerant and those in qualifying Census Tracts, which was one of the evaluations criteria) was approved. This grant will enable

Newberry County to replace heating and air units and it is in the draft budget for 2024-25.

- Mr. Shacker said they are continuing to work on the budget and are hoping to have department head meetings to discuss their requests. He said they will work to have draft budgets to council in advance of the budget work sessions at the end of March.

9. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Hipp said at the last meeting, Mr. Shacker gave council an update, not specifics, about the new estimates of the CPST projects and they were going to get an email with the original estimates and the revised estimates, and they have not received those yet.
 - Mr. Shacker said they are trying to get the detention center polished up as there was not a breakdown on the different expenditures related to construction management and other components of the project. He said they need to make sure the construction management cost with Clayton Construction is in that number and they should have that soon.
- Mr. Sease thanked staff for helping work through the budget and he knows they have been working hard on that. He also thanked Mr. Shacker for helping with some constituent issues that he wasn't sure how to go about doing and he took care of it and got things rolling.
- Mr. Scurry introduced the new minister in his area, Ms. McKeve Kinard-Shelton.
- Mr. Shealy said he was glad to have everyone here this evening.
- Mr. Johnson announced that the Newberry County Council Finance Committee meeting scheduled for March 11, 2024, at 6 p.m. was cancelled.

10. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session – March 20 at 5 p.m.
- b. Newberry County Council – March 20 at 6 p.m.

- c. Newberry County Council Budget Work Session – March 26 at 5 p.m.
- d. Newberry County Council Budget Work Session – March 27 at 5 p.m.
- e. Good Friday – Offices Closed – March 29.


11. Adjournment.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion was approved 6-0 at 6:09 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



Todd Johnson, Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

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