

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
MINUTES  
JANUARY 4, 2023**

The Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Courthouse Annex, 1309 College Street, Newberry, SC, for a special called meeting.

Notice of the meeting was duly advertised, as required by law.

PRESENT: Todd Johnson, Chairman (District 1)  
Les Hipp, Vice-Chairman (District 5)  
Mary Arrowood, Council Member (District 2)  
Karl Sease, Council Member (District 3)  
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member (District 4)  
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member (District 6)  
Travis Reeder, Council Member (District 7)  
Karen Brehmer, Acting County Administrator  
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director  
Crystal Waldrop, Procurement Director  
Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council  
Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney (via ZOOM)

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

Mr. Johnson welcomed all visitors to the Oath of Office Ceremony.

The Honorable Eugene C. Griffith, Jr. administered the oath of office to each of the following Council Members:

Karl Sease – District 3  
Johnny Mack Scurry – District 6  
Travis Reeder – District 7

Mr. Johnson thanked Judge Griffith for participating in the Oath of Office Ceremony and welcomed new Council Member, Karl Sease, as well as returning Council Members, Johnny Mack Scurry and Travis Reeder.

Mr. Johnson then called the Special Called Meeting to order. Mr. Hipp had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Johnson then turned the meeting over to the Interim County Attorney, Joanie Winters, who joined via Zoom.

### **1. Election of Chair for 2023**

Mrs. Winters opened the floor for nominations for Chair for 2023.

Mr. Shealy nominated Les Hipp to serve as Chair for 2023.

Mrs. Arrowood nominated Todd Johnson to continue serving since he had only served one year and Council has a lot of things to continue doing. She felt it would be beneficial for him to continue as Chair in 2023.

Mr. Scurry moved that nominations come to a close.

Mrs. Winters polled Council as follows:

Mr. Scurry cast his vote for Mr. Johnson

Mr. Reeder cast his vote for Mr. Johnson

Based on what Mr. Hipp has heard, Mr. Johnson will continue as Chair. Mr. Johnson has done a great job and he would like to see Council unanimously support Mr. Johnson for Chair. Accordingly, Mr. Hipp thanked Mr. Shealy for the nomination but respectfully declined his nomination as Chair.

Thereafter, Mrs. Winters called for the vote for Todd Johnson as Chair for 2023. Vote was unanimous. Mrs. Winters declared Mr. Johnson as Chair for 2023.

### **2. Election of Vice-Chair for 2023**

Mrs. Winters opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chair for 2023.

Mrs. Arrowood nominated Les Hipp to continue serving as Vice-Chair for 2023.

Mr. Scurry moved the nominations come to a close.

Mrs. Winters called for the vote for Les Hipp as Vice-Chair for 2023. Vote was unanimous. Mrs. Winters declared Mr. Hipp as Vice-Chair for 2023.

Mr. Johnson thanked Council for its support of him. He hoped to continue the unity as in this past year. He was humbled and doesn't take lightly the trust placed in him.

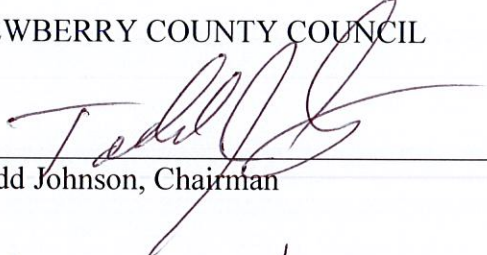
Mr. Hipp thanked Council for its support and for the confidence placed in him as Vice Chair. He will do everything to make sure that confidence is well placed.

### 3. Adjournment

There being no further business during this Special Called Meeting, Mr. Sease moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Shealy. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



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Todd Johnson, Chairman



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Susan C. Fellers, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 1-18-2023