

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 21, 2023**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, 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
Mary Arrowood, Council Member
Karl Sease, Council Member
Robert N. Shealy, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Les Hipp, Vice Chairman
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Joanie Winters, Interim County Attorney
Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

Zoom: Mary Arrowood, Council Member

MEDIA: Andrew Wigger, Newberry Observer

Mr. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and determined a quorum to be present.

Mr. Shealy had the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda

- a. Newberry County Council Meeting Minutes – June 7, 2023**
- b. Economic Development Committee Minutes – June 12, 2023**

Mr. Shealy made the motion to accept the minutes as submitted; seconded by Mr. Sease. The vote was unanimous.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda

Mr. Hipp made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Reeder. The vote was unanimously approved.

- 3. Ordinance No. 05-06-2023. An Ordinance to authorize the County of Newberry, by Newberry County Council, to sell real estate located in Pine Hill Circle between TMS No. 340-1-10 and TMS No. 340-1-15, and described on Exhibit "A", which is incorporated within the ordinance by reference, to the successful bidder, upon such terms and conditions as described in the request for bid.**

a. Public Hearing

Mr. Johnson declared the public hearing open. There being no one to speak pro or con, the public hearing was closed.

b. Third Reading

Mr. Hipp made a motion this be third reading, Mr. Reeder seconded. The motion was unanimous.

- 4. Ordinance No. 06-01-2023. An Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Fee-In-Lieu of Ad Valorem Taxes and incentive agreement by and between Newberry County, South Carolina, and Project Rubicon to provide for payment of a Fee-In-Lieu of Taxes; authorizing certain infrastructure credits; and other related matters.**

a. Second Reading

Mr. Shealy made a motion to make this be second reading, Mr. Hipp seconded.

5. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Sease made a motion to appoint Carolyn Fulmer from District 3 to the Airport Commission; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Sease made a motion to appoint Leila Caldwell from District 3 to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Shealy. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Sease made a motion to appoint Jerry Alewine from District 3 to the Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Shealy. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Sease made a motion to appoint Barry Richardson from District 3 to the Hospital Board; seconded by Mr. Shealy. The motion was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to appoint Toni Jenkins to the Library Board; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The motion was unanimous.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No additional comments from the public.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. Personnel Matter(s):

- i. Discussion of matters related to compensation of employees within department heads by appointed and elected officials of the county pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(1)**

b. Contractual Matter(s):

- i. Discussion of matters related to the lease agreement with Newberry Pistol Club pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(2)**

c. Economic Development Matter(s):

i. Discussion of matters related to Project Iron pursuant to SC Code of Laws Section 30-4-70(a)(5)

Mr. Shealy moved to go into Executive Session for the above-stated reasons; seconded by Mr. Sease. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:11 PM – 7:15 PM**

Mr. Sease moved to return to open session; seconded by Mr. Reeder. There being no discussion, Mr. Johnson called for the vote. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson said no action was needed based on the Executive Session.

8. COUNTY COUNCIL MAY TAKE ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MATTERS DISCUSSED DURING EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was needed.

9. Resolution No. 07-23. An Inducement Resolution committing to negotiate a Fee-In-Lieu of *Ad Valorem* Taxes agreement between Newberry County and Project Rubicon; identifying the project' and other matters related thereto.

Mr. Hipp made a motion to approve the Resolution; the motion was seconded by Mr. Scurry. The motion was unanimous.

10. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Shacker stated the Comprehensive plan will be on the agenda for July 19, 2023. Council has already received the first three elements for review. There are 10 elements to the plan, staff has submitted to County the first of phase of this project.

Mr. Shacker stated the Economic Strategic Plan will also be on the July 19, 2023 agenda.

Mr. Shacker also stated that the pay plan is being finalized for the Council to approve.

Mr. Shacker stated the staff has several grant projects to bring before Council.

- a. Mawson's Way Extension
- b. Lynch's Woods Project

11. COMMENTS/REQUESTS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Arrowood stated she appreciated Council for applying her to zoom for this meeting. Ms. Arrowood also stated she had submitted her resignation effective July 19, 2023.

Mr. Reeder thanked council and others for the telephone calls, texts, during the passing of his aunt.

Mr. Johnson stated it would celebrate her service on July 19, 2023.

Mr. Johnson also stated that he would be talking with Mr. Hipp regarding the reassignments of the committees.

12. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- a. **Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
- b. **County Council Meeting – July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
- c. **SCAC Annual Conference/Institute of Government–July 31–August 3, 2023**
- d. **Finance Committee Meeting – August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**
- e. **County Council Meeting – August 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Shealy moved to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Hipp. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL



Todd Johnson, Chairman



Debbie S. Cromer, Finance Director

Minutes Approved: 7-19-2023