

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
March 20, 2024**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, March 20, 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  
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member  
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  
Beverly Brehmer, Deputy Clerk of Court  
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator  
Debbie Cromer, Finance Director  
Beth Folk, Clerk of Court  
Captain Daniel Floyd, NCSO  
Sheriff Lee Foster  
Laura Kneece, Coroner  
Desiree Monts, Deputy Coroner  
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director  
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

**MEDIA:** Orion Griffin, The Newberry Observer

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

Mr. Fulmer led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

- a. Newberry County Council Work Session Minutes – March 6, 2024.
- b. Newberry County Council Meeting Minutes – March 6, 2024.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.

3. Recognitions:

a. Employee Service:

- Daniel Floyd    25 years    Sheriff
- Robert Dennis   Retirement   Sheriff
  
- Mr. Shacker recognized Mr. Floyd and Mr. Dennis for their service to Newberry County, highlighting their accomplishments and pivotal moments while working for Newberry County.

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. Third Reading

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to approve third reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.

5. A Proclamation honoring the service of Mrs. Betty Ruff Reeder.

- Mr. Johnson read the following Proclamation as follows: “Whereas, Mrs. Betty Ruff Reeder was born in Newberry, S.C. in 1944 and attended public schools in Newberry County, graduating from



Gallman High School in 1963; and whereas, Mrs. Reeder furthered her education by attending Benedict College and Lander University, later going to work for the Newberry County School District and retiring as an instructional assistant at Gallman Elementary School. She was also employed with Damon International and worked with their union as an officer. Whereas, Mrs. Reeder is an active member of the community as she is a member of the True Shadow Bridge Club and a member of the Eastern Stars where she served as secretary for New Jerusalem Lodge #58. Whereas, Mrs. Reeder joined Miller Chapel Church where she served on the steward board, a member of the senior choir, the gospel choir and was responsible for the youth choir. Whereas, Mrs. Reeder married Henry Reeder on March 29, 1964, and has four children, Henry Jr., Travis, Lavette, and Yonnie and seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Whereas, Mrs. Reeder recently retired from the Newberry County Library Board after 30 years of dedicated service. Now, therefore, Newberry County Council proudly recognizes the efforts and positive contributions of Mrs. Betty Ruff Reeder to Newberry County.”

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to approve the Proclamation; Mr. Shealy provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.
- Mr. Johnson said they proudly recognize someone who gave in an unpaid position for so very long and what a blessing to the Newberry County community.

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

- There was no action taken.

7. Appointments.

- a. Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority Board – Mr. Terry Rawls, District 3.

- Mr. Sease made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Rawls to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority Board for District 3; Mr. Hipp provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.

b. Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority Board – Mr. Jerry Koon, District 4.

- Mr. Shealy made a motion to re-appoint Mr. Koon to the Newberry County Water and Sewer Authority Board for District 4; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0.

8. Public Comments.

- There were no public comments.

9. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker said staff has worked hard to finalize the budget workbooks and they would be provided to council after the meeting.
- Mr. Shacker mentioned that the state notified Newberry County that their application for an Energy Efficient Block Grant has been approved, \$75,000, the county would match and would replace aging HVAC units, targeting R-22 Refrigerant.

10. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Johnson recognized the elected officials who were present during the meeting: Sheriff Foster, Coroner Kneece, Clerk of Court Folk.
- Mr. Fulmer thanked his constituents for allowing him to serve on this council and his fellow council members for tolerating him. Mr. Johnson said easy task.
- Mr. Hipp said it was good for everyone to be here and glad they came out to see a brief meeting.
- Mr. Scurry thanked everyone for having a good council and everyone is working together, and the county administrator is keeping them going forward.



- Mr. Reeder thanked administration on their hard work and late hours spent on the budget. He congratulated Mr. Floyd and Mr. Dennis on their accomplishments. He said he appreciated the Proclamation for his mother, and they celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and she did not have a clue, as it was a surprise.
- Mr. Sease thanked Mr. Floyd and Mr. Dennis for their years of service to the county and thanked staff for their diligence putting together a package for them and preparing for the work sessions and everyone coming out to support the county and keep them working together.
- Mr. Shealy thanked county staff for all the work on the budget and thanked Mr. Floyd for his 25 years of service saying he does an excellent job. To Mr. Dennis, he said words cannot express how he feels about him, and he appreciates him and to enjoy his retirement.
- Mr. Johnson said Mr. Floyd has one of those thankless jobs and they appreciate what he does. He thanked Mr. Dennis for all he had done for the county as well and said he appreciated his family and him being there for his family, as well.

#### 11. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Council Budget Work Session – March 26 at 5 p.m.
  - This meeting has been moved to Monday, March 25 at 5 p.m.
- b. Newberry County Council Budget Work Session – March 27 at 5 p.m.
  - This meeting has been moved to Monday, April 1 at 5 p.m.
- c. Good Friday – Offices Closed – March 29.
- d. Newberry County Council Work Session – April 3 at 5 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Council – April 3 at 6 p.m.
- f. Newberry County Public Safety Committee – April 8 at 6 p.m.
- g. Newberry County Council Work Session – April 17 at 5 p.m.
- h. Newberry County Council – April 17 at 6 p.m.

12. Adjournment.

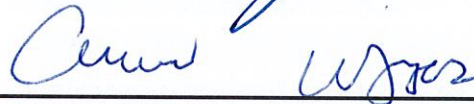
- Mr. Shealy made a motion to adjourn: Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion was approved 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL**



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**Todd Johnson, Chairman**



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**Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council**

**Minutes Approved:** 04-03-2024