

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

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, November 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: Robert Shealy, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member
Les Hipp, Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Karl Sease, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Todd Johnson, Chairman

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

Mr. Reeder led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Adoption of Consent Agenda:

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

- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept the minutes as presented; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

2. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Sease requested they add an optional meeting on December 18, following a suggestion from Mr. Hipp.
- Mr. Reeder made a motion to adopt the agenda as revised; Mr. Sease provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

3. Recognitions:

a. Employee Service:

- Kathleen Anderson 5 years Newberry County Magistrate
- Chris Connelly 10 years Public Works
- Katherine Cook 10 years Human Resources
- Janeyatte Gary 10 years NCSO

- Mr. Shacker recognized the employees listed above for their service to Newberry County, highlighting their accomplishments and pivotal moments while working for Newberry County.

4. Ordinance No. 11-01-2024. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 91 of the Code of Ordinances of the County of Newberry to Adopt Road and Development Design Standards and Specifications.

a. First Reading.

- Mr. Shacker said they did a few Work Sessions on this and went through the ordinance section-by-section.
- Mr. Sease made a motion to accept first reading; Mr. Reeder provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

5. County Council may take action on matters discussed during the 5 p.m. Work Session.

- No action was taken.

6. Appointments.

- There were no appointments.

7. Public Comments.

- There were no public comments.

8. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker said they talked in a couple of meetings about the Capital Project Sales Tax, he said they have prepared all the disclosures for the bonds, and it is ready to go. In talking with the bond attorney, they will get together in December to award that. This will allow the bidding process to begin in January.

9. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Fulmer wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, encouraging everyone to spend time with family and friends and to keep those less fortunate in mind.
- Mr. Hipp requested Mr. Shacker to address debris deposits at the Transfer Station.
 - Mr. Shacker said Newberry County, along with the seven municipalities, worked with SCDOT for debris removal services. SCDOT has multiple contractors working within the state, and they've been

collecting in Newberry County. He said the county has made available the old landfill site off of Cockrell Drive, which was permitted to accept debris. To make sure the county could get FEMA reimbursements, they made sure to separate pre-storm debris with post-storm debris. The Public Works site had to be closed as it was full, and the post-storm debris has been moved to the Cockrell Drive site. However, due to bad weather, that move has been delayed. Once the post-storm materials are removed, they will re-open the Public Works site.

- Mr. Scurry said our County Administrator and County Attorney are great, and it is a pleasure to work with them.
- Mr. Reeder said he hopes everyone has a good holiday and to please be safe. He said there will be a rededication of Mr. John Caldwell's Bridge (Boundary Street Bridge) on December 1 at 4 p.m.
- Mr. Sease thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the recognized employees for their service to the county and residents.
- Mr. Shealy asked everyone to keep those less fortunate in their prayers this holiday season.

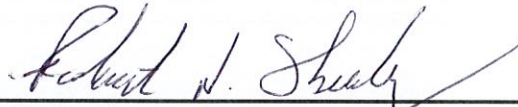
10. Future meetings:

- a. Newberry County Economic Development Committee – November 25 at 5 p.m.
- b. Thanksgiving Holiday – November 28-29 – Offices Closed.
- c. Newberry County Work Session – December 4 at 5 p.m.
- d. Newberry County Council – December 4 at 6 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Finance Committee – December 9 at 5 p.m.
- f. Newberry County Council (if needed) – December 18 at 6 p.m.


11. Adjournment.

- Mr. Fulmer made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

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Robert Shealy, Vice-Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 12-4-2024