

**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 15, 2025**

Newberry County Council met on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, 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, Chairman
Karl Sease, Vice-Chairman
Leon Fulmer Jr., Council Member
Travis Reeder, Council Member
Johnny Mack Scurry, Council Member
Stuart Smith, Council Member
Jeff Shacker, County Administrator
Joanie Winters, County Attorney
Karen Brehmer, Deputy County Administrator
Captain Ben Chapman, NCSO
Eric Nieto, I.T. Director
Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council/PIO

ABSENT: Todd Johnson, Council Member

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

Mr. Scurry led the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Additions, Deletions & Adoption of the Agenda.

- Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt the agenda as published; Mr. Scurry provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

2. Recognitions:

a. Employee Service:

- Joseph A. Teseniar 5 years NCSO.
- Ashli Dennis 10 years NCSO.
- Leslie Glass 20 years Animal Control.

b. Retirements:

- Tammy Kinard 20 years NCSO.
- Wesley Boland 31 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.

3. Ordinance No. 12-01-2024. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 152 of the Code of Ordinances of the County of Newberry to Adopt Updated Standards for the Reduction of Flood Hazards.

a. Third Reading

- Mr. Reeder made a motion to approve third reading; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.

4. Appointments.

- There were no appointments.

5. Public Comments.

- Mr. Antwan Harris, a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration, provided information regarding Hurricane Helene assistance. He said they have had over 15,000 applicants for disaster assistance throughout the state. He said they offer disaster recovery loans, and that deadline to apply was extended to January 28, 2025. Mr. Harris said he would provide further information to council, via email, for them to share with constituents.

6. Comments/Requests from County Administrator.

- Mr. Shacker did not have any comments.

7. Comments/Requests from Council.

- Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Boland and Ms. Kinard for their years of service and congratulated them on their retirements. He also thanked Ms. Glass, Mr. Teseniar and Ms. Dennis for their years of service. Mr. Smith also reminded everyone of the upcoming Martin Luther King Parade.
- Mr. Scurry said he hates to see Mr. Boland and Ms. Kinard retire and thanked them for the time they spent with the county.
- Mr. Fulmer offered a sincere appreciation to all the employees recognized, especially those who retired. He said he has known Chief Boland for a long time and has admired everything he has accomplished throughout the years. He said he will be missed, and he wishes him well. He encouraged everyone to stay safe with the upcoming winter weather and stay at home, if at all possible.

- Mr. Reeder told the retirees to take a little time to enjoy themselves and enjoy their families. He said he appreciates the jobs being done for Newberry County by the employees and wish them continued success. Mr. Reeder reminded everyone of the MLK Parade on Saturday and the march on Monday and program following.
- Mr. Sease thanked everyone for coming out and thanked the county employees for all the service they have put in over the years. He thanked Mr. Shacker for the good work going over the land development regulations and to keep up the good work.
- Mr. Shealy echoed all of the previous remarks. To Mr. Boland, he said they have been together a long time, and he appreciates everything he has done for the whole county, and he will be missed. He said county employees are our county.

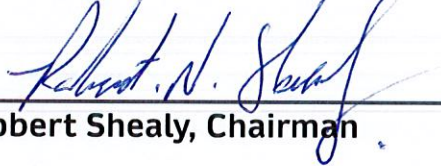
8. Future meetings:

- a. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday – Offices Closed – January 20.
- b. Newberry County Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting – January 30.
- c. Public Safety and Courts Committee – January 27 at 5 p.m.
- d. Newberry County Council Work Session – February 5 at 5 p.m.
- e. Newberry County Council Meeting – February 5 at 6 p.m.

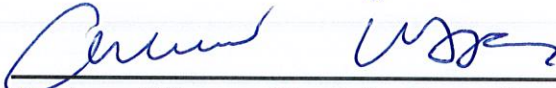
9. Adjournment.

- Mr. Scurry made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Fulmer provided the second and the motion carried 6-0.
- Newberry County Council adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Robert Shealy, Chairman



Andrew Wigger, Clerk to Council

Minutes Approved: 2-5-2025