



**NEWBERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
AGENDA
JANUARY 6, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

ATTENTION: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS ENFORCED

Please enter the Courthouse Annex Building (1309 College Street, Newberry) from the entrance nearest to the intersection of Harrington and Caldwell Streets. All other doorways are for exit purposes only.

In accordance with an Order from the Chief Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court, a staff member will take your temperature as a condition of entry into the building. To gain admittance, your temperature must be lower than 100.4 degrees F (38 degrees C), and you must wear a mask/face covering.

The oath of office ceremonies for incoming county council members (beginning at 5:20 p.m. and held in subsequent ten-minute intervals) and the regular meeting of county council (beginning at 6:00 p.m.) will be conducted using COVID-19 protocols. **Seating inside the council chambers is distanced with installed barriers, limiting attendance by the public at any given time to 18 persons, excluding council members, staff, and the media.**

The oath of office ceremonies and the county council meeting will be live streamed from the County's website, www.newberrycounty.net. Newberry County strongly encourages interested citizens to utilize this method of observing county council's proceedings whenever possible.

- **The public is specifically asked to give attendance/seating priority to the guests of incoming county council members during their assigned oath of office ceremony times.**
- **If you are here to comment at a public hearing for a zoning ordinance but are unable to secure a seat inside the council chambers, please consult a uniformed sheriff's deputy for social distancing instructions and you will be allowed to speak at the appointed time.**

If you have any questions concerning this notice, please contact Taylor Davenport, Assistant to the County Administrator, at 803-321-1433 in advance of the ceremonies/meeting. Uniformed sheriff's deputies will be on premises to answer questions and provide guidance at the times of the oath of office ceremonies and the regular council meeting.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONIES

Welcome: ***Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman***

Oath of Office Ceremonies: ***Honorable Gordon Johnson***

Todd Johnson, District 1	5:20pm
Leslie Hipp, District 5	5:30pm
Nick Shealy, District 4	5:40pm
Mary C. Arrowood, District 2	5:50pm

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

6:00 PM

Call to order: **Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: **Henry H. Livingston, III, Chairman**

[Meeting turned over to A.J. Tothacer, Jr., County Attorney, for election of officers]

1. Election of Chair for 2021

Viva Voce Method of Election Customary

The custom in recent years has been to use the *viva voce* (by voice) method of electing the chair and vice-chair. Under this method, the floor is first opened for nominations. This occurs when the person presiding over the meeting asks for a motion to open the floor for nominations. Once that motion is offered, seconded, discussed, and approved, any member of the body may offer any member of the body as a nominee.

When it appears that nominations have finished, the person presiding over the meeting asks for a motion to close the election to further nominations. Once that motion is offered, seconded, discussed, and approved, voting may then occur.

Under the *viva voce* method, nominations are voted on in the same order in which they are made. The first such nominee to win majority support among those present (assuming a quorum) is the chair for the coming calendar year. (Once this has occurred, the need to vote on subsequent nominees for chair is eliminated.)

In a case where only one nomination is offered and the time for nominations has closed, the person presiding may declare that the sole nominee is elected “by acclamation.” Alternatively, the body may vote on the sole nominee (recommended).

2. Election of Vice-Chairman for 2021

The meeting is turned over to the chair, who utilizes the same method described above in electing the vice-chair.

[Meeting turned over to Chairman]

3. Adoption of Consent Agenda

4. Additions, Deletions, and Adoption of Agenda

5. Ordinance #01-01-21: An Ordinance to amend the Budget Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, Ordinance Number 04-14-20, to provide for revised Revenue and Expenditure Appropriations relating to Operating and Capital Purposes of Newberry County.

a. First Reading

6. Appointments

7. Public Comments (by those who signed up at the meeting)

8. Executive Session (if needed)

9. Comments/Requests from County Administrator

10. Comments/Requests from Council Members

11. Future Meetings

a.	County Council	01/20/21	6:00 p.m.
b.	Public Safety & Courts Comm.	01/25/21	6:00 p.m.
c.	County Council	02/03/21	6:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes
 - a. October 7, 2020
 - b. October 21, 2020