Commission Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2026
7:00 PM

25493 NW 1st Avenue
Newberry, Florida 32669

QUORUM CHECK

Mayor	Tim Marden
Commissioners	Rick Coleman
	Mark Clark
	Monty Farnsworth
	Donald Long
	Tony Mazon
City Manager	Jordan Marlowe
City Clerk	Randa Paul
City Attorney	Nicolle Shalley

Staff:

Director of Public Works and Utilities	Rance Green
Director of Community Development	Stacey Hectus
Assistant Director of Utilities	Paul Sergile
Assistant Director of Finance & Administration	Amanda Hagan
Deputy Fire Chief	Kevin Farr
Community Redevelopment Agency Coordinator	Chelsea Bakaitis
Executive Assistant	Angie Walker

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Marden called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Clark requested to add a discussion topic as Item 8 onto the agenda on the topic of flock cameras.

Motion to approve the agenda as modified made by Commissioner Clark, Seconded by Commissioner Farnsworth.

Mayor Marden called for comments. There were none.

Voting YEA: **Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth,**

Commissioner Long,
Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

INVOCATION
Pastor Ian Campbell provided the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Commissioner Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS
(Please limit announcements to 2 minutes)
Mayor Marden called for announcements from the public. There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **08.10.2026 Commission Meeting Minutes**

2. **08.12.2026 Budget Workshop Minutes**

3. **Payment Registers**

4. **Newberry SR 26 Elevated Storage Tank Award**

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as published made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Long.

Voting YEA: **Commissioner Coleman,**
Commissioner Clark,
Commissioner Farnsworth,
Commissioner Long,
Commissioner Mazon

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ORDINANCES

5. **Final Fire Assessment Resolution**

A Resolution Of The City Of Newberry, Florida, Relating To The Provision Of Fire Rescue Services, Facilities, And Programs In The City Of Newberry, Florida; Providing Authority, Purpose And Definitions; Confirming The Preliminary Rate Resolution; Reimposing Fire Rescue Assessments Against Assessed Property Located In The City Of Newberry For The Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2026; Approving

The Assessment Roll; Providing For Collection; Providing For Application Of Assessment Proceeds; Providing For Effect, Severability, Conflicts, And Providing An Effective Date.

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Attorney Shalley read Resolution 2026-43 into the record by title only.

Assistant Director Hagan presented orally.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-43 made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Discussion ensued.

Motion modified to clarify that the 0.10 increase in millage will go directly to the isolated storage room for gear containing cancer-causing agents made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Discussion ensued.

Mayor Marden called for public comments.

Elmira Warren made comments.

Karen Santore made comments.

Discussion ensued.

Susan Beltz made comments.

Discussion ensued.

Tripp Norfleet made comments.

Mayor Marden called for vote to be made by roll-call:.

ROLL CALL:	**Commissioner Mazon:**	**YEA**
	Commissioner Long:	**YEA**
	Commissioner Farnsworth:	**NO**
	Commissioner Clark:	**YEA**
	Commissioner Coleman:	**NO**
MOTION PASSED:	**3-2**	

6. **Second Reading, Quasi-Judicial Hearing for an ORDINANCE NO. 2026-24/Petition# LDR 24-26 of the City of Newberry, Florida, amending the official zoning atlas by changing the zoning district from Agricultural to Planned Residential Development (PRD) on approximately 160 acres (tax parcel no. 02539-001-000) located at 23717 SW 15th Avenue; adopting land development regulations for the development commonly referred to as "CountryWay II"; providing for exclusion from codification, correction and directions to the city manager; providing a severability clause; providing a repealing clause; and providing directions to the clerk and an effective date.**

Mayor Marden introduced the item and explained the Quasi-Judicial procedures.

Attorney Shalley read Ordinance 2026-24 into the record by title only.

Clerk Paul swore in Jordan Marlowe, Stacey Hectus, Margo Patterson, and Tripp Norfleet.

Director Hectus presented with a PowerPoint.

Margo Patterson, NV5, presented with a PowerPoint, on behalf of the applicant.

Mayor Marden advised there are no third-party intervenors.

Mayor Marden called for public comment. There was none.

Mayor Marden called for cross-examination. There was none.

Mayor Marden called for questions from the dais. There were none.

Mayor Marden called for final arguments. There were none.

Attorney Shalley advised the decision-making body that their decisions must be based on substantial and competent evidence.

Mayor Marden called for disclosure of ex-parte communication:

Commissioner Mazon:	**NONE**
Commissioner Long:	**NONE**
Commissioner Farnsworth:	**NONE**
Commissioner Clark:	**NONE**
Commissioner Coleman:	**NONE**

Motion to approve Ordinance 2026-24 on second reading made by Commissioner Coleman, Seconded by Commissioner Clark.

Voting YEA:	**Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**
MOTION PASSED:	**5-0**

AGENDA ITEMS

7. Suwannee River Water Management District and Florida Department of Environmental Protection Fee Reduction Program (Resolution 2026-36)

Mayor Marden introduced the item.

Attorney Shalley read Resolution 2026-36 into the record by title only.

Director Green presented the item orally.

Motion to approve Resolution 2026-36 made by Commissioner Farnsworth, Seconded by Commissioner Mazon.

Mayor Marden called for comments from the dais and public. There was none.

Voting YEA:	**Commissioner Coleman, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Farnsworth, Commissioner Long, Commissioner Mazon**
MOTION PASSED:	**5-0**

NEW 8. Flock Cameras

Commissioner Clark introduced the conversation.

Discussion ensued.

COMMENTS

Citizens
(Please limit your comments to 5 minutes)
Mellina Parker made comments.

City Manager
Manager Marlowe made comments.

City Attorney
Attorney Shalley had none.

City Clerk
Clerk Paul had none.

Commission
Commissioner Coleman had none.
Commissioner Clark made comments.
Commissioner Farnsworth made comments.
Commissioner Long had none.
Commissioner Mazon made comments.

Mayor
Mayor Marden made comments.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 7:58PM.

Signed and approved on this 14th day of September 2026.

CITY OF NEWBERRY ESTABLISHED 1895 SEAL ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Timothy R. Marden, Mayor

Randa K. Paul, City Clerk