

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL  
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC  
MARCH 8, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor Foster Senn. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Edwin Wicker, Zebbie D. Goudelock, Louis Boyd, Gregg Summer, David E. DuBose.

Also Present: City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Clerk Tina P. Wicker, Finance Director Marie Hickman, City Judge Frank Partridge, City Planner Doug Currier, Utility Director Fred Yandle. Others Present: Larry Millstead, Darren Millstead, Chris Odom and family, Donnie Huyck, John Glasgow, Bennie Bennett, Pam Arrington, Hugh Gray, Ed Rollins, Nick Davenport, Amy Caldwell, Deborah Smith, Paul and Bette Brannon, Rick McCutcheon, Steve Massingale, Leann Cudd, Bryan Dipner, and others.  
News representatives: Natalie Netzel.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Senn called the meeting to order. Councilman Summer led in the Pledge of Allegiance and Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

**MINUTES**

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman DuBose, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 8, 2011 as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mayor Senn advised that members of City Council had been provided a copy of the Financial Report for the period ending February 28, 2011. Mayor Senn indicated that the report would be attached to and made a part of the minutes.

City Manager Shacker indicated revenues were on track with the mid-year adjustments made last month.

**RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES**

Mayor Senn and City Manager Shacker recognized Larry Millstead and announced that he would be retiring after twenty-five years of service with the City on March 31, 2011. City Manager Shacker noted that Mr. Millstead has served as the City's Meter Services Supervisor for his entire career. He received gifts from the City commemorating his service.

Mayor Senn and City Manager Shacker recognized, Chris Odom, Electrical Lineman for the City, for completion of the eight-week lineman school offered by SCANA. City Manager Shacker presented Mr. Odom with his certificate verifying completion of the program requirements.

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### **COUNCIL:**

#### **Special Election Certification**

Mayor Senn presented the Certification of Candidates verifying the results of the Special Run-off Election held on March 1, 2011 submitted by the Municipal Election Commission which declared Edwin Wicker as the successful candidate for the District 2 seat on City Council.

Councilman Summer made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to accept the Special Election Certification as submitted. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

### **COUNCIL:**

#### **Oaths of Office**

City Judge Frank Partridge administered the Oaths of Office to Edwin Wicker and he took his seat on City Council.

### **COUNCIL:**

#### **Donnie Huyck, Bi-Lo Store**

Mr. Donnie Huyck, Director of the Newberry Bi-Lo Store, appeared before Council to introduce himself and his management team. He took a few minutes to outline his vision for the Newberry store and to mention improvements that will be implemented to better customer service. He also explained some of the community service initiatives supported by Bi-Lo and the benefits organizations derived from these programs.

### **COUNCIL:**

#### **Bennie Bennett, Newberry School District**

Mr. Bennie Bennett, Newberry County School District Superintendent, appeared before City Council to present an overview of the public school system beginning with the vision and mission statement of the District and covering the District's goals and objectives, the importance the District places on mission-driven decision making, data that demonstrates school progress, success stories within the District, update on the District's building program, and anticipated challenges in FY2011-2012.

Superintendent Bennett fielded several questions from members of Council concerning better promotion of the district and its successes, expanding existing programs such as gender specific classes and Montessori.

### **ORDINANCE (#2011-1003):**

#### **Customer-owned Renewable Generation Systems – First Reading**

Mayor Senn introduced for first reading an Ordinance (#2011-1003) to amend the City Code to include regulations and fees associated with customer-owned renewable generation systems. He explained that the Ordinance would adopt the policy established by PMPA for customer-owned

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renewable generation which establishes the use of the three agreements: (1) Standard Interconnection Agreement, (2) Application for Interconnection of a CRG System, and (3) Tri-Party Net Metering Point Agreement. He added that the Ordinance would establish application fees to cover the administrative costs of permitting the CRG system.

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to approve first reading of the Ordinance as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

### **UTILITY:**

#### **Refund Policy Revision**

Mayor Senn submitted for Council's consideration a revision to the City's refund policy which would extend the current refund period from six months to twelve months. He commented that this revision was more compatible with other municipal utility refund policies and would be a more customer-friendly policy.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to adopt the revised Refund Policy as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

### **UTILITY:**

#### **Utility Termination Procedures Policy Revision**

Mayor Senn presented for Council's consideration a revision to the City's utility termination procedures policy which would clarify that the policy is limited to residential customers only.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to adopt the revised Utility Termination Procedures Policy as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

### **COUNCIL:**

#### **April 5 Work Session Topics**

Mayor Senn reported that City Manager Shacker had submitted the following topics to be included for discussion at the April 5<sup>th</sup> City Council Work Session that will be held at City Hall at 6:00 P.M.: Rental inspections and inspection criteria, Protection of structures within National Register of Historic Places Districts, PRT Master Plan implementation, Development projects, and City beautification and infrastructure projects. He asked if any member of Council had additional topics to include or if any member of Council desired to delete any of the recommended topics.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to adopt the recommended topics for the April Work Session as presented. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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### **APPOINTMENTS:**

**Rinehart, Cummings – Planning Commission  
Hipp – Architectural Review Board**

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to appoint Ms. Connie Rinehart to the Municipal Planning Commission to a seat expiring in November, 2013, to appoint Pastor Roderick Cummings to the Municipal Planning Commission to a seat expiring in January, 2014, and to appoint Ms. Elizabeth Hipp to the Architectural Review Board to a seat expiring in January, 2013. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to enter an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and contractual matters as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to reconvene the regular meeting at approximately 9:55 P.M. Mayor Senn declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

Mayor Senn announced that an appointment to the planning commission was discussed but no action taken; the Council received information regarding the City's employee sharing agreement with the NOHF but no action was taken; and that the Council received information from the City Manager regarding the possibility of collaborating with Newberry College on community development projects without taking action.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:56 P.M. Councilman DuBose seconded the motion which was carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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**Foster Senn**  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk  
Newberry, South Carolina

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