

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF NEWBERRY CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, NEWBERRY, SC
March 11, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

Members Present: Mayor T. Edward Kyzer. Council: R. LeMont Glasgow, Foster Senn, Zebbie D. Goudelock, Gregg Summer, Thomas Louis Boyd, David E. DuBose.

Also Present: City Manager Eric G. Budds, Assistant City Manager Jeff Shacker, City Planner Doug Currier. Others Present: Sam Hunter, John Glasgow, Rick Poulson, Linda Kneece and others. News Representatives: Holly Astwood, Heather Hawkins.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Kyzer called the meeting to order and Councilman Glasgow gave the invocation.

MINUTES

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Newberry City Council held on February 12, 2008 as presented. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Kyzer noted that the Financial Report showed the revenue and expenditure transactions through February 29, 2008. This report covers the first eight months or 67% of FY07 -08 and would be attached to and made a part of the original minutes of the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Kyzer and City Manager Budds recognized Sam Hunter, Police Sergeant, for his fifteen years of service with the City's Police Department. Sam received a longevity pin and gift from the City.

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

Baseball Program Affiliation

Mayor Kyzer reported that the enthusiasm surrounding youth baseball in Newberry County and the region had waned in recent years. PRT staff has recommended that consideration be given to transitioning from our current affiliation with Dixie Youth to an

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affiliation with Little League International which is growing in popularity among youth league administrators statewide.

City Manager Budds advised that the only concern expressed with the proposed move to Little League was voiced by Mr. Rick Poulson who administers the Dixie Youth District in which Newberry participates. He reminded Council that the objective was to spark renewed interest in the City's programs as directed by Council at its last retreat.

Mr. Poulson, speaking on behalf of Dixie Youth Baseball, recommended that Council weigh the pros and cons of both programs before making a decision.

Councilman Glasgow made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd authorizing the staff to switch from Dixie Youth to Little League Baseball affiliation. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL:

**Removal of Pine Trees from Approved
List of Trees and Shrubs for Compliance
With Landscaping Requirements**

Mayor Kyzer reminded City Council that the section of the Zoning Ordinance addressing Landscaping Requirements had been amended to allow the approved plant list to be changed by a motion and vote. He reported that staff was recommending that the following trees listed under Evergreen/Coniferous Trees be deleted from the list: Slash Pine, Spruce Pine, Longleaf Pine, White Pine, Loblolly Pine, Virginia Pine, Mugo Pine and Japanese Black Pine

Councilman DuBose made a motion, seconded by Councilman Summer, to accept the staff's recommendation and remove the listed trees from approved landscaping materials. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to enter an Executive Session at approximately 7:11 P.M. to discuss contractual and personnel matters as outlined on the agenda. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

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Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Glasgow, to return to open session at 8:05 P.M. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL: Community Development Consulting Services

Mayor Kyzer recognized Reggie Barner, owner and principal in charge of The Barner Group, LLC, whose firm provides consulting services on housing and community development projects.

Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Council Glasgow, to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with The Barner Group, LLC for consulting services. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried by a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

CITY COUNCIL: Residential Development Projects

Mayor Kyzer announced that Maritime Construction Inc. Newberry, LLC had purchased the Harrington Street development project and expressed Council's optimism that the project would move forward very quickly.

APPOINTMENT: Telecommunications Advisory Committee

Councilman Boyd made a motion, seconded by Councilman Goudelock, to appoint Norman Bunn, Bill Parr, Marc Regier, James Shippy, Jimmy Coggins, Mike Davenport, George Routon, Greg Talbot and Evangeline Shells to a 9-member Telecommunications Advisory Committee. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before City Council, Councilman Goudelock made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyd, to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:08 P.M. Mayor Kyzer declared the motion carried following a unanimous vote of City Council members present.

ATTEST:

T. Edward Kyzer
MAYOR

Tina P. Wicker, City Clerk
Newberry, South Carolina

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